

MIDDLEMARCH

Wonderful to look at, even better to hear

TV review by Lynne Truss, page 35



GOLF 1994

John Hopkins on a season to relish

Sport, page 42



WILLIAM REES-MOGG

A Roman Catholic could become king

Church and crown, page 16

30P

THE TIMES

No. 64,851 THURSDAY JANUARY 13 1994

Tax: How you were better off under Denis Healey



Healey: his tax aims have been surpassed by Tories

Figures show that the Tory Chancellor will squeeze middle classes until the pips squeak

BY JANET BUSH AND ANATOLE KALETSKY

AN AVERAGE family will pay far more income tax and National Insurance from April 6 than it would have done in 1978-79, the last year of Labour Government. Even a wealthy family with earnings four times the national average — or £78,000 — will typically surrender a bigger share of its income to Kenneth Clarke's Treasury than in the days when Denis Healey was threatening to "squeeze the rich until the pips squeak".

Income taxes paid by a family where only one partner works, earning the male average of £19,500, will typically be half as much again as in 1978-79. For many poor families on 75 per cent of average earnings or below, income taxes will be three times higher than under Labour.

The figures, calculated by *The Times* with assistance from KPMG Tax Advisers, call into question the Tories' claim to be the party of lower taxes. Even if attention is focused purely on income taxes, as ministers have suggested, the low tax assertion no longer seems sustainable after the last Budget. *The Times* calculations show that a two-child family with a single breadwinner earning about £19,500 and with a mortgage of just over £30,000 will pay 20 per cent of gross income in income tax and National Insurance from April.

In 1978-79, a similar family on male average earnings with a mortgage of double gross salary would have paid 12 per cent. The difference — equivalent to £1,569 a year or £30 a week — is a measure of the total increase in income taxes since 1979.

The increase of VAT from 8 per cent to 17.5 per cent in the same period has added a further burden. When this year's higher income taxes are combined with the very steep hikes in VAT and other indirect taxes introduced since May 1979, the typical British wage-earner will be handing a bigger share of his income to the Treasury from April onwards than he ever did when Labour was in power.

There has also been some shift in tax burden under the Conservatives away from the rich towards the poor. In recent years, tax policies have favoured single people and couples with two earners at the expense of the old-fashioned nuclear family with a single breadwinner.

The Times figures show, however, that these shifts have been relatively unimportant compared with the recent rise in income tax and the steady reduction in personal allowances and mortgage tax relief. As a result of these vast but little-noticed changes in the tax structure, most social groups will be paying far more income tax from April than their counterparts in 1979.

The main exception will be the very highest earners, with incomes of £80,000 a year or more. Middle-class families earning £30,000 or more who live in rented accommodation would also be no worse off than in the 1970s, since they have lost nothing from the whittling away of mortgage tax relief.

But even for the rich, the benefits of Tory income tax policies will not become significant compared with Mr Healey's until they reach

Continued on page 2, col 6

Leading article, page 17
Economic View, page 27

Howe savages Scott's Iraq 'inquisition'

BY MICHAEL DYNES WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

■ **Lord Howe's attack on the conduct of the Scott enquiry amplifies a so-called whispering campaign in Whitehall said to be aimed at discrediting its conclusions**

LORD Howe of Aberavon yesterday launched a blistering attack on the arms-to-Iraq enquiry, accusing Lord Justice Scott of acting as "detective, inquisitor, advocate and judge".

The former Foreign Secretary challenged the whole basis of the investigation, complained that guidelines for official enquiries were being ignored, and said that its conclusions might be rejected as a result.

He was particularly concerned that witnesses were not allowed to be represented by legal counsel who could cross-examine other witnesses, in accordance with the "cardinal principles" laid down by the Salmon Commission on the conduct of such enquiries nearly thirty years ago.

Lord Howe's outburst, which came in his 30-minute opening statement, follows what has been described as a Whitehall whispering campaign, apparently designed to descredit the outcome of the enquiry. The Scott team has been accused of failing to understand the mechanics of government, especially in the shady world of the international arms trade, and of going beyond its terms of reference by addressing itself to the ethical and moral dimensions of government.

The Salmon commission was set up in the light of public outrage over the way Lord Denning conducted his enquiry into the Profumo affair, and its report in 1965 laid down six principles for future hearings. Those included giving witnesses advance notice of allegations, allowing them lawyers, and permitting cross-examinations.

Yesterday Lord Howe gave a warning that the failure to follow the guidelines would mean that "many of those who have given evidence or may give evidence, and many of those who are looking at these proceedings from outside, are bound to be less enthusiastic to accept the conclusions".

A number of people to whom he had spoken, including witnesses, had expressed surprise that the procedure had taken this form, Lord Howe added. Lord Scott, who had earlier interrupted the former minister to say he was not prepared to get into a debate on the matter, replied: "Are you speaking of anyone in particular, or are your clients, so to speak, a number of anonymous individuals in some department or other?"



Lord Howe declined to indentify his sources, but he is believed to have been concerned about the treatment of William Waldegrave when he gave evidence in October. Yet at the time, Mr Waldegrave, who worked for Lord Howe in the Foreign Office and is now responsible for the Citizen's Charter, complimented Lord Scott on the way he was conducting the enquiry.

Lord Scott told Lord Howe that the procedures he had adopted had been agreed in advance with the Government and sanctioned by John Major, who will give evidence on Monday. To allow each witness legal representation would have prolonged the hearings by several years.

Later, he took the extraordinary step of issuing a statement dismissing Lord Howe's criticisms, saying: "The enquiry's procedures have been established with a view to ensuring its efficient conduct while paying full regard to the need to safeguard the interest of individuals.

"Given the complexity of the matters into which the judge is enquiring and the number of officials and ministers from different departments, it would be ludicrous to permit legal representation to each person." Witnesses were given detailed questionnaires to answer before they were called to give oral evidence, and every effort was made to treat them fairly.

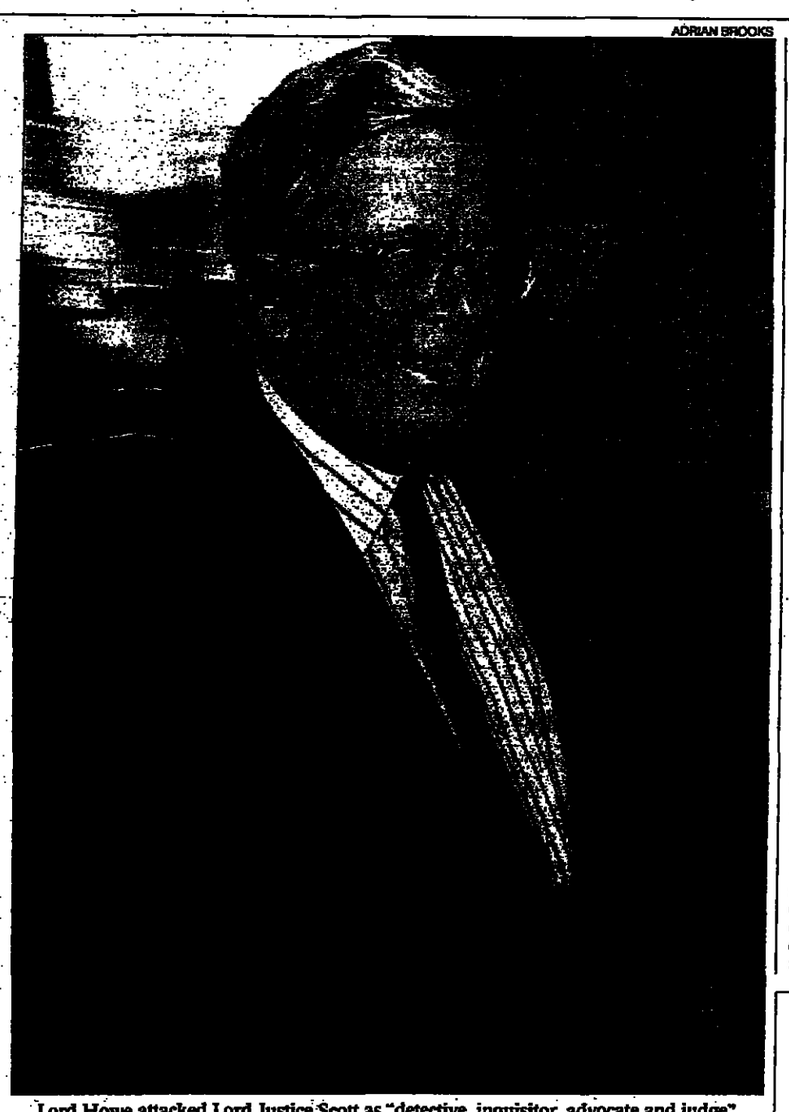
"If Lord Howe is speaking on behalf of the Foreign Office or on behalf of the Government generally, I should say that no complaint has been made to the enquiry about its procedures. If there had been any complaint to make, I would expect to have heard it before now."

Downing Street officials last night rejected a demand by John Smith, the Labour Leader, that the Prime Minister dissociate himself from Lord Howe's criticisms. They said that Lord Howe was speaking for himself, and had not spoken to Mr Major about his concerns beforehand.

In his detailed evidence, Lord Howe offered a spirited defence of the Government's arms sale policy, saying that officials had done their best to resolve difficult questions. "This is not so much an arms-to-Iraq scandal as it is a British trade control dilemma," he said.

No-one involved in the matters being investigated had benefited materially from the decisions taken and there was no evidence of any corruption.

Howe evidence and Peter Riddell, page 10
Leading article, page 17



ADRIAN BROOKS

Lord Howe attacked Lord Justice Scott as "detective, inquisitor, advocate and judge"

Job losses mar dole queue fall

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PROSPECTS of up to 9,000 jobs being lost yesterday dampened Government optimism about the economy following a fall of nearly 47,000 in the number of people out of work.

The larger-than-expected drop in those claiming unemployment benefit prompted David Hunt, the Employment Secretary, to enter the row over the Government's back-to-basics campaign by emphasising that such economic improvement, rather than individual morality, was what the campaign was about. Mr Hunt said that back to basics meant getting back to Conservative economic policies such as the free market, which underpinned the recovery in the labour market and the economy generally.

But Ann Clwyd, shadow employment minister, said the unemployment figures were a "statistical illusion", while Alex Carlile, for the Liberal Democrats, emphasised that nearly a million people had been out of work for more than a year.

The fall of 46,800 in the seasonally-adjusted number of people out of work and claiming benefit to 2.77 million came as up to 9,000 jobs were threatened or cut. British Coal is set to cut a further 4,000 miners' jobs when it is expected to announce next month the closure of a further six mines, all of which were thought to have been reprieved last year by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, following the public outcry against the pit closure programme.

The move will rekindle the political row over coal, as Conservative business managers are expected today to announce that the Government's Bill to privatise British Coal will return to the Commons next week.

National Westminster yesterday announced that 4,200 jobs are to go at the bank, taking the total job losses in banking this week to more than 7,000, following the redundancies announced by Barclays. BP Chemicals announced that it would be cutting 600 jobs near Port Talbot in south Wales.

In the financial markets, diminishing hopes of another base rate cut for the time being sent sterling to its highest level since its departure from the Exchange Rate Mechanism and pushed share prices sharply lower.

Job gloom, page 23

Counsel to investigate Clinton cash deal

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday bowed to political pressure inside his party by asking the Justice Department to appoint a special counsel to investigate the Whitewater allegations.

The decision follows calls from Democrats and Republicans for an outside prosecutor to establish President Clinton's involvement in an Arkansas financial scandal, casting a shadow on Mr Clinton's trip to Europe.

The Republicans stepped up the pressure, too, by calling for the formation of two select committees by both the Senate and the House of Representatives, a demand that had been rejected previously by the Democratic chairmen of the House and Senate banking committees. The appearance of congressional committees would draw parallels with the Watergate scandal, politicising the issue further.

Defending his call for a special investigation, Robert Dole, leader of the Republican opposition in the Senate, said: "If the President

Continued on page 2, col 5

Whitewater ripples, page 13

Major forbids a Cabinet debate on back to basics

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major is resisting pressure from ministerial colleagues for a Cabinet debate today on his tottering "back to basics" policy.

Several cabinet ministers of liberal inclination want to air the ramifications of the policy and its links with the wave of scandals that have rocked the Government over the past few weeks.

They believe that such a discussion would enable ministers to refine the policy and ensure that they speak with one voice when presenting what has become the unifying theme of Mr Major's administration.

But last night senior Downing Street officials indicated that the issue would not be thrown open to round-table debate. Ministers would be restricted to raising aspects of the policy that touch their departmental responsibilities.

Mr Major's determination to keep the lid on discussion of a policy theme that Labour says is unravelling by the day will disappoint some ministers. They believe that it has to redefined and stripped of its "family values" connotations if further damaging splits between ministers are to be avoided. Others appear to share the Prime Minister's fear that a high-profile discussion would invite "Cabinet crisis" headlines and prove counterproductive.

Senior ministers are braced for another test today when John Magill, a district auditor, publishes the findings of his four-year investigation into alleged "political gerrymandering" in Westminster council. Labour will revive its "Tory sleaze" jibes if Barry Legg, Tory MP for Milton Keynes South West and a former chief whip in the flagship London borough, comes badly out of the report.

The Prime Minister has already taken some steps to ensure that his ministers do not go off at a tangent when discussing the theme. The Cabinet has been circulated

Continued on page 2, col 5

Janet Daley, page 16

Poll on adultery

A Harris opinion poll for ITN has shown that 49 per cent of people questioned believe that ministers who commit adultery should always resign their posts, with 46 per cent in disagreement. The poll also finds that 55 per cent of the 667 interviewed thought personal morality was an important element of John Major's back-to-basics policy.

Therapy for safari boy

A TEENAGE criminal sent on a £7,000 visit to Africa was yesterday ordered by magistrates to return to the Bryn Melyn therapy centre which organised the trip.

The 17-year-old from Gloucester pleaded guilty in the town's youth court to more than 30 charges including burglary, acts of violence and vandalism. Magistrates made him the subject of a year-long supervision order, under which he must return to the community farm near Bala, north Wales, or any location proposed by the centre. They rejected a custodial sentence after hearing that the youth had changed his attitude and had not been charged with any offence since his case was adjourned four months ago.

The decision was criticised by John Standing, Conservative social services spokesman, but Brendan McNutt, centre director, said he was convinced that its methods created opportunities for young offenders to change.

Back to centre, page 3

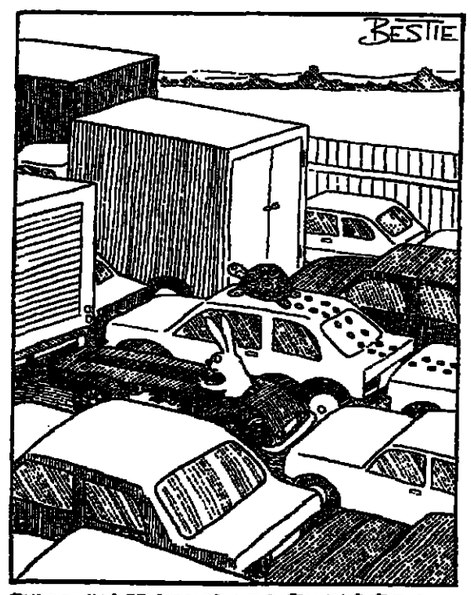
Births, marriages, deaths 18
Books 36,37
Chess 8,44
Crossword 22
Law Report 28
Leading articles 17
Letters 17
Tourist Rates 26
Travel 20,21
TV & Radio 43

Buying The Times overseas: Algeria Dn 35; Belgium B Frs 70; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 250; Cyprus C£1.00; Denmark Dkr 15.00; Finland Mk 15.00; France F 12.00; Germany DM 4.00; Gibraltar 80p; Greece Dr 400; Netherlands Fl 4.50; Irish Republic 45p; Italy L 3,000; Luxembourg Lf 60; Madeira Esc 275; Malta 43c; Morocco Dir 25.00; Norway Kr 18.00; Portugal Esc 275; Spain-Pes 250; Sweden SKr 17.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 2.00; USA $3.00.

02

9 770140 046442

THE BLAZER SALE



SUDDENLY TORTOISE WAS FAVOURITE TO GET TO THE BLAZER SALE FIRST.

. . . FURTHER REDUCTIONS

London: Bond Street, Oxford Street, Fenchurch Street, King's Road, Broadgate, Brent Cross, Covent Garden, Canary Wharf, Ealing, Hampstead, Kensington, Bayswater
Outside London: Kingston-Upon-Thames, Bath, Brighton, Cheltenham, Glasgow, Guildford, Manchester, Nottingham, Richmond, Sheffield, Winchester, Windsor, Watford, Birmingham

NEWS IN BRIEF

Friend of Caithness speaks of her distress

Jan Fitzalan-Howard, whose friendship with the Earl of Caithness has been blamed for his wife's suicide, has spoken to her employer about the tragedy. "A number of things have been said and reported that she finds extremely distressing," said Alex Sandberg, chairman of College Hill Associates, a London public relations firm.

Pressure mounted on Lord Caithness, 45, to make a statement about his wife's death on Saturday after comments by his parents-in-law were published yesterday. The former shipping minister, who resigned from the Government on Sunday, was believed to be staying with his daughter, Iona, in Scotland.

Gays warned after death

Detectives warned homosexuals to beware of casual contacts last night after the murder of Basil Wicomb, an InterCity steward. He was found dead in a burning house in Fulham, west London, on Sunday. There was no sign of a break-in or struggle and police are trying to establish a motive. A Scotland Yard spokeswoman said: "We would warn gay men to take care when going out and meeting new partners. They should let a third party know who they are with." Police are appealing for anybody with information to contact them on 071-937 7945.

No trial for detectives

Four current and former West Midlands detectives arrested during a corruption enquiry will not face prosecution because of insufficient evidence, the Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday. The officers were held during a two-year investigation by Leicestershire police into allegations that some West Midlands officers took bribes to fix court cases. Two of the men have returned to duties and a third remains suspended. A fourth has retired. A decision on disciplinary action against the serving officers will be considered by the Police Complaints Authority.

MoD to test airship

An airship bought from the American company Westinghouse that could be used for high-flying surveillance by the Ministry of Defence is soon to go on trial. Although no decision will be taken until the trials at Boscombe Down near Salisbury, Wiltshire, are completed, airships could be deployed over Northern Ireland in a surveillance capacity. At 5,000ft they would be out of range of smallarms fire. Thermal-imaging equipment could track movements at night and image intensifiers could decipher and photograph close detail such as car number plates.

Asher settles action

The actress and writer Jane Asher yesterday halted her High Court action against Mark Lucas, her literary agent, when both parties came to terms. Miss Asher was seeking damages for alleged negligence and breach of contract by Mr Lucas over an arrangement with Bryan Wharton, a photographer, that led to her being sued for £28,445.

Ulster house prices up

House prices in Northern Ireland rose by 6.4 per cent last year, according to figures from the Halifax building society. In Scotland they rose by 5.1 per cent. The greatest fall was in London, where prices dropped by 0.6 per cent. Nationwide building society figures showed a 4.1 per cent rise in Northern Ireland and an 11 per cent rise in Scotland.

IRA triggers booby-trap after sniper shoots woman soldier

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

AN UNARMED woman soldier was seriously injured in Belfast yesterday when an IRA gunman opened fire on an army foot patrol in a nationalist area of the city. As troops carried out follow-up operations a bomb exploded in a nearby house.

The unarmed military policewoman suffered extensive injuries to her face, back and hands when the gunman shot her from a terraced house in the New Lodge area of Belfast. The soldier, 21 and from England, was said to be in a serious condition in intensive care last night.

Two men were arrested and a loaded rifle was recovered from the terraced house after members of a joint army and police patrol returned fire. Police said the bomb, which went off an hour after the shooting and left four people suffering shock, was set as a booby-trap.

The shooting came as Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, made a surprise one-day visit to Ulster. He hinted that troop levels in Northern Ireland would be cut if the IRA ended its campaign of violence. He said: "Obviously if there was peace in Northern Ireland that would have important implications for the security force presence."

Mr Rifkind said he was horrified by the shooting. Speaking at RAF Aldergrove, near Belfast, he said: "It is difficult to believe that the IRA is contemplating ending its terrorism when incidents of this kind take place."

Less than 12 hours before Mr Rifkind arrived in the province, three police officers were injured in an IRA rocket attack on a mobile patrol in Belfast. Two of the officers, who were seriously wounded, were described as stable. The third, a policewoman, suffered facial injuries.

Mr Rifkind's comments were the first time since the Anglo-Irish declaration of December 15 that he has suggested that the 18,000 troops in Northern Ireland could be reduced in the event of an IRA ceasefire. Last month it emerged that a Cabinet working group had been drawing up contingency plans for a phased withdrawal of troops once there was a "genuine and established" ceasefire.

Before news of the shooting, the Defence Secretary was also more measured towards Sinn Fein than John Major, who last month challenged Gerry Adams, president of the party, to pick up "the gauntlet for peace".

Mr Rifkind said: "There is an opportunity for peace in Northern Ireland. There is clearly a burning desire on behalf of all the communities in Northern Ireland for that to happen. Of course we hope there will be a sensible response to that."

The army said that yesterday's attack was believed to be the first shooting in Northern Ireland of a female soldier from the mainland. Four female soldiers from the former Ulster Defence Regiment have been killed during the Troubles.

There are 1,200 women soldiers serving in Northern Ireland. From April they will be allowed to carry arms in line with female RUC officers.

☐ Tom Hartley, the chairman of Sinn Fein, said yesterday that it may take his party until Easter to work out a response to the Anglo-Irish declaration.

☐ A soldier alleged to have admitted he planned to attack Sinn Fein leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness has been released from prison into military custody.

Andrew Hansell, 20, from Brentwood, Essex, a private in the 1st Royal Anglian Regiment, based in Dungannon, Co Tyrone, was charged with possessing a rifle and two rockets with intent to endanger life.

CRISPIN RODWELL



Troops investigating the shooting of a woman colleague rush forward after a bomb goes off in the same street

Spending on NHS red tape 'soars'

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Service Correspondent

INCREASING red tape in the National Health Service accounts for £1 in every £10 spent, Labour claimed yesterday.

Spending on NHS bureaucracy, which topped £3 billion last year, has more than doubled since 1987-88, compared with a rise of two-thirds in total NHS spending. It is consuming nearly 11 per cent of the NHS budget, its largest ever share. Administrative costs have risen from £1.44 billion in 1987-88 to £3.02 billion in 1992-93, a rise of 110 per cent. They account for 10.8 per cent of the NHS budget compared with 8.7 per cent five years ago.

David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, who disclosed the figures on the eve of today's Commons debate on the NHS, said the increased costs were a result of the introduction of the NHS internal market in 1991. "Before the Conservatives came to office it was commonly accepted that NHS management and administrative costs amounted to about 6 per cent of total NHS spending. A rise to nearly 11 per cent over 15 years is a staggering indictment of the Conservatives' mismanagement and misuse of resources," Mr Blunkett said.

Last November John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, ordered a freeze on management posts in the principality. He said the NHS reforms had led to the appointment of 1,500 managers and administrators and only 20 doctors.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, said: "This manipulation of the figures is part of David Blunkett's ongoing attack on NHS managers whose services are vital to ensure the £100 million spent every day on the NHS is properly used." There were 26 doctors and nurses for every manager, she said, and administration was being streamlined.

RECALL NOTICE

ELECTROLUX DISHWASHER
MODEL BW450

Owners of the above Model must act on this notice.

Our Quality Control Programme has revealed a risk that, in isolated circumstances, overheating of wiring may result in a fire within the door of this model.

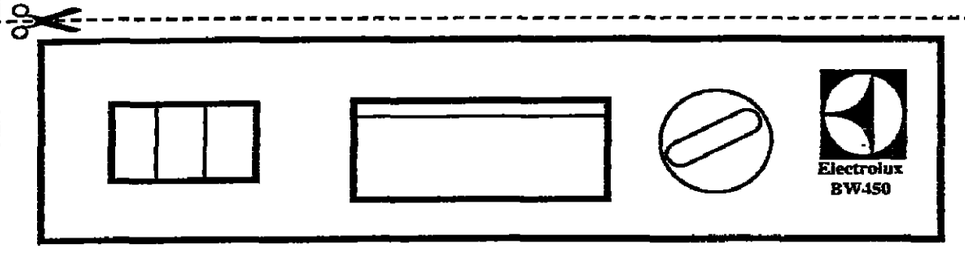
These Dishwashers require attention and this will be provided free of charge by our engineer.

It is important that until our engineer has called, **YOUR DISHWASHER SHOULD ALWAYS BE ATTENDED WHEN IN USE.** In addition, it must be **UNPLUGGED** or **SWITCHED OFF** at the electrical socket as soon as the programme has finished.

Owners of Electrolux BW450 Dishwashers should telephone us free on: **0800 33 43 53** **any day 8.00am - 6.00pm** or complete the coupon below.

The model number is clearly printed to the right of the control panel as shown below.

No other Electrolux products are affected by this notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



To: Electrolux Careline, Freepost, Swan Court, Mansel Road, Wimbledon SW19 4BR.

Name _____

Address _____

_____

Postcode _____ Daytime Tel. No. _____

Major gags Cabinet on 'basics'

Continued from page 1

with a transcript of remarks that he made on January 6 immediately after Mr Yeo's departure, backed by extracts from his party conference speech in October which unveiled the theme.

In the transcript, Mr Major said that back to basics is "not a crusade about personal morality and was never presented as such". The campaign was "about policy issues of concern to everyone in the country" such as fighting crime and improving education.

In a development underlining Tory sensitivity on questions of personal conduct, Alan Duncan, the MP who resigned over accusations that he had profited from the sale of a council house, issued a statement that any attempt by reporters to "investigate and misconstrue" his father's suicide four years ago was an "unwarranted invasion of privacy and must immediately cease".

The death of his father, who was suffering from terminal cancer, by his own gun was "a decision of which his family remains proud".

Janet Daley, page 16

How Clarke will squeeze taxpayers until pips squeak



Clarke: shift in tax burden away from rich

Continued from page 1

income levels of nearly £100,000 a year. The main reason why the average family's tax burden has increased so much is that public spending rose sharply in the first two years of John Major's Government, while tax revenues collapsed as a result of the recession.

The Treasury estimates that total non-oil taxes in 1994-95 will be 35.5 per cent of gross domestic product, only slightly higher than the 34.75 per cent in the last year of Labour Government.

This comparison is distorted, however, by the fact that the economy today is still in a state of near-recession, while 1978-79 was a year of low unemployment and rapid growth. By 1998-99, the Treasury expects taxes to rise to 38.5 per cent of GDP, reflecting a large increase in Britain's structural tax burden since the Conservatives came to power.

☐ The Government yesterday appeared to rule out an early cut in interest rates. Anthony Nelson, the Treasury economic secretary who attended a meeting between the Chancellor and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said cheaper borrowing was "unlikely".

Mr Clarke and Mr George met for their monthly discussion on monetary policy. "The conclusion was that we were content with the present monetary stance," Mr Nelson said.

Leading article, page 17
Economic View, page 27

TAX/NATIONAL INSURANCE AS PERCENTAGE OF INCOME

	Two-child couple one earner		One-child couple two earners		Single person	
	1978/79	1994/95	1978/79	1994/95	1978/79	1994/95
Average earnings (£19,517 in 1994-95)	12	20	8	16	23	28
Three quarters avg (£14,638)	5	15	-	-	20	24
2 x average (£39,034)	20	28	20	25	25	31
3 x average (£58,551)	24	32	32	27	29	34
4 x average (£78,068)	32	34	28	30	36	35

All calculations assume taxpayers are homeowners, earning the same multiple of average earnings in 1978-79 and 1994-95. Mortgage is assumed to be double gross salary up to the limit of £25,000 in 1978-79. Child benefits are deducted from tax liability.

Counsel to be appointed

Continued from page 1

and the First Lady have done nothing wrong, they have nothing to hide," adding that "neither Republicans nor Democrats are going to tolerate a whitewash of Whitewater/Madison."

Mr Clinton's decision to drop his opposition follows weeks of allegations and procrastination, an embarrassing controversy about the handover of the Whitewater documents to the Justice Department and misleading statements from press aides.

Mr Clinton had already hinted in Prague that he might change his position, adding that he was "completely relaxed about this because I didn't do anything wrong, except that I made a bad business deal". His reference refers to his investment in Whitewater, a company set by a friend in the 1970s to conduct land speculation in Arkansas.

New allegations relating to this deal surfaced yesterday, questioning the independence of a firm of auditors that had cleared the Clintons of wrongdoing. In a separate instance, it has been alleged that Hillary Clinton's former law firm misled regulators, who investigated the collapse of an Arkansas savings and loan company, by failing to declare a potential conflict of interest.

The Clintons' Whitewater dealings were investigated by a Denver accounting firm, but doubts have arisen about their links to an associate of Mr Clinton, and about the report's conclusions. The investigation was conducted by Patten, McCarthy & Associates, and concluded that the Clintons lost $69,000 (£46,300). The investigation was commissioned by James Lyons, a Denver attorney and friend of Mr Clinton. Mr Lyons had had business links with Leslie Patten, a senior partner in the accounting firm.

The investigators said then that they could not vouch for their findings because too many documents were missing. This disclaimer puts into the question the conclusion that the Clintons lost money. This is important since the President and Mrs Clinton used this as their main line of defence, arguing that Whitewater was a bad business deal, and not a vehicle to channel funds from Madison Guaranty, a now bankrupt Arkansas savings and loan company, to Mr Clinton's re-election campaign for governor in 1984.

Whitewater ripples, page 13

Serpentine Gallery

Mr Iain Sproat MP, National Heritage Minister, asks us to make clear that, contrary to a report (December 24), his proposals for horse-riding in Hyde Park have no connection with the future of the Serpentine Gallery.

WHO'S WHO 1994
£88
available now
A & C BLACK

EastEnders libel judge adjourns to witness two versions of events on the A1

Journalists steam up the windows for jury's benefit

By Michael Horsnell

A LIBEL jury peered through the windows of a Range Rover yesterday to help them decide whether Gillian Taylforth, the actress, was tending to her sick boy friend when accused by police of performing a sex act.

In one of the most bizarre episodes to be performed in the august surroundings of the Royal Courts of Justice, the jury in the damages action brought by the star of *EastEnders* against *The Sun* newspaper were treated to two re-enactments of the incident at the heart of the case.

Escorted across the High Court car park by Mr Justice Drake and six barristers, who all abandoned their wigs for the occasion, the eight men and four women jurors watched as Miss Taylforth, 37, and her fiance Geoffrey Knights, 38, climbed into the front seats of their vehicle.

There the couple acted out their version of the events of June 17, 1992. Miss Taylforth, who plays Kathy Beale in the BBC television soap, leaned across the gear stick and central console of the Range Rover to place her hand on her fiance's stomach. She claimed she was tending to him after he complained of an attack of pancreatitis and had asked her to pull over on to a slip road of the A1 to be sick.

> "I was in a terrible state — really crying. I've always got on very well with the police. I held them in great respect, but that's changed"

The couple looked embarrassed as the jury trooped round the vehicle, but their discomfort was slight compared to that of two *Sun* journalists who re-enacted a different scenario.

Directed by PC Terence Talbot, the officer who had apprehended the actress and her fiance, Sean Rayment sat in the passenger seat while his colleague, Sarah Stephens, leaned over and buried her face in his lap.

The jury inspection over, the couple emerged red-faced and giggling. The only censorship involved was that during both re-enactments, Mr Knight and Mr Rayment kept their trousers intact.

The court has been told that when accused by PC Talbot of an act of indecency, Mr Knight had his trousers undone and his zip down. The police claim the couple were engaged in oral sex, but Miss Taylforth and Mr Knight vehemently deny it, claiming his trousers were loosened to relieve his stomach pains.

Under cross-examination by George Carman QC, for the publisher, Miss Taylforth denied she had been "caught red handed" by the police. She accepted she was an accomplished actress, but angrily denied a suggestion that she was repeating lines from an episode of *EastEnders* in which she appeared as a rape victim and told of her distress.

The couple are suing News Group Newspapers, publisher of *The Sun*, for "serious, scurrilous and unwarranted attacks against their characters and reputations". They were said to be outraged when on June 20, 1992, the incident was reported in *The Sun* under the headline "TV Kathy's Sex Romp Fury".

The publisher denies libel, claiming the story was true, but says that if it was untrue then *The Sun* received its information from the Metropolitan Police, who would be responsible. In court yesterday Miss Taylforth, of Highbury, north London, described the couple's day out to Ascot races when she said Mr Knights, the father of her two-year-old daughter, drank up to five bottles of champagne.

Miss Taylforth said she was angry with her fiance when he asked her to pull over because he had brought his sickness upon himself.

She told the court: "I leaned over to him and put my hand on his stomach and I said, 'Are you going to be OK?' He told me to leave him alone because he wanted to be sick. As I sat back I noticed a police officer standing on the driver's side looking in through the window.

"He said, 'What are you doing, what is the problem?'. I said 'My boy friend's ill'. He just looked at Geoff and his trousers were undone and he said, 'I know what you were doing. I will have you for gross indecency'. There was no basis for him saying that."

She told the court Mr Knights was then sick on the grass verge but that the officer persisted in his accusations and her fiance lost his temper and swore at him.

Other officers were summoned by radio and Mr Knights was led away while Miss Taylforth was told to drive home to her daughter Jessica. She said: "I was in a terrible state — really crying. I've always got on very well with the police. I do a lot of charity work for them and my sister and brother-in-law are both in the force. I held the police in great respect, but that's changed a bit now."

Miss Taylforth said that after Mr Knights was released with a caution and she had gone back to work she became less angry and treated the matter as a big joke.

She thought that if she told *The Sun* that the police version of events was a lie, that would be the end of it. "I was naive enough to think that would happen. Obviously I was very wrong. I honestly believed it was such a stupid story that if I told the newspaper the truth it would be OK." After reading the report of events in *The Sun*, she said: "I felt the same way then that I feel now, utter disgust. It's cheap and makes me feel really sick to my stomach.

"I felt absolutely ashamed and yet I had done nothing wrong. I felt people were looking at me and laughing.

"I didn't want to go out but my mother forced me. Every time anyone looked at me, I thought they were laughing at me. I thought about Jessica. This sort of slur on your reputation is something that keeps being referred to. I didn't want her to grow up and read that sort of thing in a newspaper about her mother."

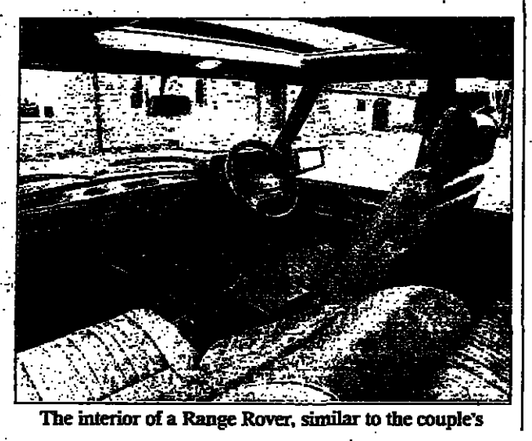
Miss Taylforth fought back tears as she described how she had been victimised by strangers who had read the report. She spoke of her distress when she heard a disc jockey joke about the matter on the radio. She told of her embarrassment on the set of *EastEnders*. Two weeks later in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, a boy unzipped his flies and asked her for oral sex. In another incident, five or six boys ran past her flat asking for a similar service.

The case continues today.



DAVE CHESHIN

Gillian Taylforth and Geoffrey Knights outside the High Court, where they re-nacted their version of events



The interior of a Range Rover, similar to the couple's

Mother, 59, of twins wins ban on naming her

By Dominic Kennedy

THE 59-year-old woman who gave birth to twin daughters after fertility treatment won a second High Court injunction yesterday preventing the press from identifying her.

She became the world's oldest mother of twins and Britain's oldest mother on December 26 last year.

Journalists are prevented from approaching her, her husband, the twins, their carers, medical staff looking after the children and their future teachers. Mr Justice Ewbank made only slight amendments to his original ban on identification, granted within hours of the birth.

The woman travelled to Italy last April to be implanted with donor eggs fertilised by the sperm of her then boy friend, who is almost 15 years her junior. The couple have since married.

Mr Justice Ewbank, giving judgment in open court in the High Court's family division, said that on the day of the twins' birth he made them wards of court at the parents' request.

He also agreed a temporary injunction preventing the media from identifying the family, their doctors and nurses, the hospital where the children were born and from soliciting information from anybody close to the family.

On New Year's Eve the judge refused an application by News International, publishers of *The Sun*, to lift the injunction.

Yesterday, after hearing representations from James Munby QC, for the *Daily Mirror* and the *Daily Express*, the judge granted the injunction sought by the twins' parents, while removing some of its restrictions.

The children would cease to be wards of court, he announced, but they could not be identified until they reached the age of 18.

The judge agreed to allow the identification of medical staff who treated the mother during pregnancy. The ban on naming the hospital where the twins were born stays. The judge lifted his ban on approaching relatives and close friends of the family.

Letters, page 17

Rain adds to floods misery in South

By Emma Wilkins

PERSISTENT rain brought further misery to the South of England yesterday, where the National Rivers Authority is spending £500,000 a day on flood defences and mopping-up operations.

The river Lavant, which has already caused severe flooding in Chichester, West Sussex, burst its banks at the village of Singleton to the north of the city.

Seven residents were ferried to safety by lifeboat crews in two inflatable boats.

Problems in the village were exacerbated by motorists driving too fast along wet roads, creating a wake and flooding more homes, the NRA said.

Flooding should ease over the next few days as heavy rain turns to drizzle today and stops by the weekend, the London Weather Centre said yesterday.

Coastal areas will be affected by gale-force winds over the next few days.

Yesterday's mild daytime temperatures of 11-12C (52-54F) will drop by the weekend to 4-5C (39-41F).

In Chichester, one of the dams built to prevent the Lavant overflowing began to let in water last night.

Chichester has already had the highest levels of rainfall for 200 years with five and a half inches falling so far this month compared with an average of less than four inches for the whole of January.

Firefighters pumped eight million gallons of water from the river through pipes into the sea.

Bailey bridges were completed by the Army yesterday to take traffic over two of the most seriously flooded roads on the outskirts of Chichester.

In Hampshire, Green Goddess fire engines were mobilised after more than 40 homes were flooded in the villages of Finchdean, Rowland's Castle and Hambledon.

In Dorset, the river Piddle burst its banks at the village of Puddletown, near Weymouth.

Fossil-hunters at cliffs near Charmouth, Dorset, were warned to take extra care by Martin Kendrick, the auxiliary coastguard, after heavy rain made climbing conditions treacherous.

Forecast, page 22



"The $50 million Soros fund for Bosnia is almost exhausted, and I must declare it a failure"

GEORGE SOROS IN SARAJEVO IN THE

MAGAZINE

"NYPD Blue is two detectives, one fat, one thin, drinking a lotta cawfee"

STEVEN BOCHCO'S LATEST IN

VISION

THE 7-DAY TV & RADIO GUIDE

PLUS

WEEKEND

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

Safari boy sent back to centre

By Kate Alderson

THE teenage offender sent to Africa on a £7,000 safari at public expense was yesterday ordered to return to the therapy centre that organised the trip. But a Gloucestershire social services officer said he would not be going abroad again.

The youth, aged 17, from Gloucester, pleaded guilty to more than 30 charges at a court hearing in the town. He admitted a series of burglary, violence and vandalism offences, many of them while on bail.

Under a 12-month court order the youth must return to the Bryn Melyn community farm near Bala, North Wales, at a cost to the taxpayer of £1,800 a week, or any other location in Britain proposed by the centre.

The supervision order was imposed by magistrates who rejected the possibility of a custodial sentence. The youth was ordered to carry out a work programme that will include instruction in outdoor pursuits and training as a painter and decorator.

Three days after returning from the safari, which was condemned by the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary, the boy was arrested on suspicion of drink-driving and other offences. He later told *The Times* that his 80-day trip to Africa was "weird, stupid".

Ken Morris, youth panel chairman, said: "We consider the offences were due to a significant extent to the circumstances under which he was living." David Groom, a social services officer for Gloucestershire County Council, said the bulk of the youth's time would not be spent at Bryn Melyn. "None of his time will be spent abroad," he added.

Brendan McNutt, director of the centre, said: "We remain committed to the methods we use which are to provide young people, 60 per cent of whom are not offenders, with intensive, individual and therapeutic programmes to create opportunities for them to change."

Yesterday the teenager was also banned from driving for a year, ordered to pay £20 prosecution costs and £60 compensation to a teacher he hit on the head with a metal rod.

Steve Young, for the defence, said the youth had changed his attitude. "He has not been charged with any offence since the case was adjourned last September. It may be only four months but for a youth who has been offending on a regular basis that is a significant break."

Two days after telling *The Times* he would rather be at Bryn Melyn "living an easy life" than in prison, the teenager told a member of the youth justice team in Gloucester that on his return from the African trip he "no longer had the feeling to steal". In a statement released last night, he said: "Even though I had friends who wanted me to steal I found it much easier to say no."



Introducing Starter, the new low cost rescue service from the RAC. Join now and you can enjoy the peace of mind of RAC membership from just £29.

Instead of crossing your fingers and hoping for the best every time you get into your car, with Starter you can phone us free of charge 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for:–

● **Roadside rescue** We can reach your car wherever you break down in the UK – in under an hour in more than 80% of cases.

● **Over 1200 expert patrols** In 1992 over 85% of break-downs attended by RAC patrols were repaired on the spot.

● **Local tow** If we cannot repair your vehicle, we will tow it to a nearby garage, free.

● **No hidden charges** We don't charge for labour, mileage or call-out. All you pay for is the parts we use.

Starter covers you in your registered car for just £29* a year – it's great value. Phone free, or clip the coupon today to join Starter and to find out how you can save the usual £6 joining fee if you act now.

TO START YOUR COVER TODAY PHONE FREE

0800 029 029

AND QUOTE SS0100/1/E

There's someone waiting to take your call Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm and Sunday 10am – 4pm.

FREE This powerful torch is yours free when you join the RAC now.

Please send me details of Starter.

MR/MRS/MISS/MS

ADDRESS

POSTCODE TELEPHONE NO.

Are you currently a Member of: ☐ RAC ☐ AA ☐ National Breakdown ☐ Other Renewal Date

Post free to: RAC, Dept. Starter, Freepost BS528/93, Bristol BS3 3YY

*Starter membership costs £29 plus a once only £6 joining fee. Joining fee waived if you pay by Continuous Credit Card Authority or Direct Debit

ST0001/SS0099/1/E

RAC THE NEW KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD

Bottomley pledges safer mental care

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

■ Public concern at outbreaks of violence has obliged the Health Secretary to tighten guidelines for care in the community

TIGHTER safeguards to avert incidents in which mentally disordered people injure themselves or attack others after being discharged from hospital were announced yesterday by Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary.

Responding to public concern over cases such as that of Christopher Clunis, the man with schizophrenia who stabbed a stranger, Jonathan Zito, to death on a London Tube platform in December 1992, Mrs Bottomley said that hospitals would have to make a detailed assessment of the risks involved in discharging patients and ensure that proper care and supervision were available in the community.

Issuing draft guidelines for health authorities, Mrs Bottomley said: "Community care must be safe, effective and command public confidence. The guidance is part of a substantial tightening of the policy."

Last month the Mental Health Act Commission, the Government watchdog, reported that psychiatric hospitals in inner cities were illegally discharging patients to make way for others who were more disturbed, because of the lack of beds.

William Bingley, chief executive of the commission, welcomed the guidance but said that it could increase pressure on hospitals. "One of the possible implications of erring on the side of caution is that it might make it more difficult for hospitals to admit patients," he said.

Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of Sane, the schizophrenia charity, said the guidelines would mean the "noisily, flagrantly ill" would be treated while the "silently vulnerable" would be sacrificed as hospitals tried to stretch their resources to cope.

Ms Wallace said that half a dozen patients had found their way to her home in recent months and begged her to find them a hospital place. "A girl suffering from manic depression turned up one afternoon. Her grandmother and father both suffered from the same condition and had committed acts of violence. With all my contacts I was unable to get her in anywhere. I tried two hospitals, a GP and finally social services. They said call the police. She ended up on my doorstep, crying all night."

The Royal College of Psychiatrists said that the proposals were impractical and could divert resources from the severely mentally ill who most needed them. It said the proportion of the NHS budget spent on the mentally ill had fallen from 15 per cent to 11 per cent since the early 1980s.

Mrs Bottomley said that final guidance would be published in the spring. She said that she would intervene in the NHS market if health authorities failed to direct sufficient resources to the care of the mentally ill.



MICHAEL POWELL

Care in the community: nurse Paul Byrne with day patient Edna Cummins

Bailiffs evict sick clergyman, 70, in 'unholy' divorce

By Richard Duce

A BAPTIST minister awaiting heart surgery was yesterday forced from his sick bed by bailiffs instructed to evict him after a fiercely contested divorce settlement.

Dennis Mickelsen, 70, had refused to leave his £100,000 village home in Suffolk after he was served with a repossession order. The bailiffs had to call in a local locksmith yesterday to gain entry.

Mr Micklelsen was accompanied from his bedroom by bailiffs and escorted to a car where he was driven away by his son, Paul.

The minister has refused to accept that his 41-year marriage to Audrey is over, although she left him three years ago for Peter Fisk, a 70-year-old gardener, and was granted a divorce last August.

As part of the divorce settlement, a county court judge ordered that Mr Mickelsen pay her a lump sum of £20,000, half the proceeds of the house sale and £625 a month for the next five years. He refused and the repossession order was made on his home in Sutton, near Woodbridge.

After his eviction Mr Mickelsen, a minister for 24 years, said: "My wife and Mr Fisk are involved in an unholy union. Why should I part with my God-given wealth to support it? I am seriously ill. How can anyone rob me of my home at a time like this?

"I will always love Audrey. We were married for 41 years. Even now I would have her back if only she would agree."

Mr Mickelsen was to have a heart by-pass operation at Papworth Hospital in Cambridge yesterday but it was rescheduled because he has flu.

His son Paul, 37, a butcher, said: "This is all too tragic for words. In the circumstances you'd have thought they could have delayed the repossession. The men were very gentle as they carried Dad out but it seems very unfair."

The Rev David Rushworth-Smith, a friend of Mr Mickelsen, was inside the house when the bailiffs arrived and shouted to them that he was too ill to be moved. However, after talks with police outside it was agreed after an hour and half that Mr Mickelsen could be moved to his son's home.

Mrs Mickelsen, 67, who lives with Mr Fisk five miles away in Otley, said: "It just shows how stubborn he really is. He wanted to make a martyr of himself and he has succeeded. I am just so relieved that it seems to be over now."

A spokesman for Ipswich County Court said: "We are not here in social service mode. Unless we receive instructions to the contrary we are duty-bound to carry out the repossession."

He said: "Mr Mickelsen could have applied to the court to have the order delayed, but he didn't."

Widow of shot oilman to sue in US courts

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

THE widow of a Briton shot dead in Texas last week after being mistaken for a burglar has started legal proceedings against the killer.

Alison De Vries, whose husband Andrew De Vries, a Scottish oilman, was shot three times on January 7, after a night out drinking with a colleague, has instructed solicitors in her home town of Arbroath, Tayside, to begin proceedings in Houston against Jeffrey Agee.

Yesterday Mr De Vries' drinking companion, Sydney Graves, outlined the events leading up to his death but refused to say whether it was murder or a tragic accident.

Mr Graves, 42, an operations manager with the oil service company Nowsco, said Mr De Vries, 28, another employee of the company, was running away from his assailant when he was shot.

"We had been drinking, not in my opinion, to excess. Andy was coherent and his movements and actions were normal," Mr Graves said.

The pair knocked on several doors in an attempt to call a taxi. Mr De Vries jumped over a fence into the back garden of a house belonging to Mr Agee. Mr Graves said he then heard a sound like a firecracker.

"I had reached the rear corner of the house and could see Andy in the back garden holding his arm. Andy said, 'I think I've been shot.'

"I then heard two gunshots close together and called out Andy's name twice. He did not reply and I started running towards the street to get help."

Mr Graves knocked on another door and asked the householder to call police, who told him his friend was dead.

Woman in crash burnt by inflating airbag

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

FORD engineers will today investigate a crash in which a woman received burn injuries when the safety airbag inflated in her Mondeo car.

Beverley Tumelty, 28, was driving her five-month-old Mondeo near her home in Heath, Cardiff, when it was in collision with another car and ran into bollards. The airbag inflated on impact to protect her head and chest. However, she found the bag had burnt through her dress, cardigan and bra.

With all new Fords now equipped with drivers' airbags, company engineers are anxious to track down any fault. The damaged car will be examined by experts from the company's headquarters at Brentwood, Essex.

A Ford spokesman said last night: "We have four million airbags in use around the world and we have never come across this sort of case before. What we can say is that we may have been talking about a woman who had severe injuries to her head and upper body but for the airbag inflating to protect her."

Mrs Tumelty said: "After the impact the next thing I remember was opening my eyes and realising the airbag was stuck to my clothes. My little daughter said she could smell burning and my cardigan was on fire. It burnt through my clothes and into my chest and stomach."

Ian Tumelty, her husband, demanded a recall of the model, on sale in the UK since March. He said: "We bought the Mondeo because it is meant to be the safest car to crash in. It is very worrying when that safety device actually causes an injury."

Police cap in hand for a new panda

By Paul Wilkinson

VILLAGERS in West Yorkshire are being asked to give 42p each to buy police a panda car.

The parish council of Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, wants to raise £7,300 to buy a Ford Escort 1.4 saloon. The parish name would be painted on the door next to the West Yorkshire force logo.

The man who thought of the idea, Gerard Moore, a member of the council's controlling Tory group, said: "We live in a large rural area, with many people living in isolated places. A patrol car would enable the police to get to the scenes of crime more quickly.

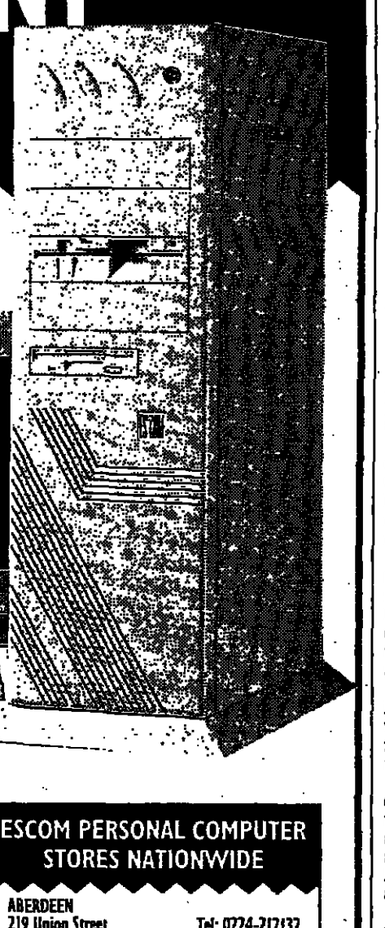
"Police forces throughout the country are being sponsored by businesses and organisations who provide them with equipment and facilities but this is the first time a local council has sponsored the police by buying them a patrol car and it could lead to other councils doing the same."

The money would be collected with this year's council tax from the 17,000 people in the parish. The plan needs formal approval from the Treasury.

Jimmy Paxton, a Labour parish councillor, had doubts: "What good is it to have a car if there is no officer available to drive it?" But West Yorkshire police said: "If we accept the car, there will be no problem in finding officers to man it."

0% FINANCE FROM ESCOM

THE MOST INTERESTING PC DEALS NOW WON'T COST YOU A PENNY IN INTEREST.



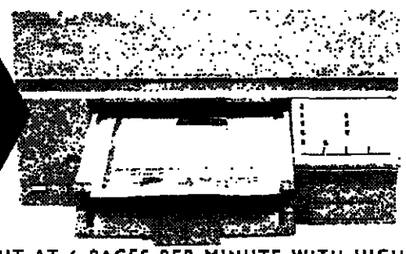
At your local Escom Personal Computer Store right now, you'll find 3 unbeatable ways to spread the cost of the latest PC systems and printers. Each offer with 0% Finance - which means you get more time to pay, without paying more!

486 DX/33 QUATTRO TOWER AND HP 4L PRINTER
Produce a better business image with HP's exciting easy-to-use laser printer
ONLY £149.10 PER MONTH FOR 10 MONTHS
CASH PRICE £1586.38 EX VAT (+ VAT £1864)
Deposit (20%) £373, Amount of Credit £1491. 10 Monthly Payments of £149.10. Total Amount £1864. APR 0%.

OPTION 2
486 DX/33 QUATTRO TOWER
ONLY £105.50 PER MONTH FOR 10 MONTHS
CASH PRICE £1122.55 EX. VAT (+ VAT £1319)
Deposit (20%) £264, Amount of Credit £1055. 10 Monthly Payments of £105.50. Total Amount £1319. APR 0%.

ESCOM QUATTRO TOWER
• Intel 486 • 4Mb RAM • 128Kb Cache • VESA-Local Bus • 2 VLB-Slots • 3.5" Floppy Disk Drive • 250Mb Hard Disk • Cherry Keyboard, Mouse • Video Card Local Bus Accelerator, Cirrus Logic, 1024 x 768 Resolution, max. 16.7 Mio. Colours, 1Mb memory • Local Bus High Speed Controller for HD • 14" SVGA monitor (32cm visible diag.) • 1024 x 768 Resolution • Dot pitch 0.28mm • Low radiation • Dos 6.2 Wind 3.1 Wind. f. Workgr • Choice of one Microsoft Application Package (Application disks £10)

PLUS 0% FINANCE ON THIS HP 1200 C PRINTER



ONLY £93.90 PER MONTH FOR 10 MONTHS
CASH PRICE £999 EX VAT (+ VAT £1173.82)
Deposit (20%) £234.82, Amount of Credit £939. 10 Monthly Payments of £93.90. Total Amount £1173.82. APR 0%
COMBINES LASER QUALITY OUTPUT AT 6 PAGES PER MINUTE WITH HIGH DEFINITION COLOUR PRINTING

SAVE £10 ON A LOGITECH MOUSEMAN COMBO
Produce your old mouse and get £10 off the price off a Logitech Mouseman Combo (rrp £39). Or, buy any Escom PC and get the same deal.

SAVE £20 10 BOXES OF 3.5" HIGH DENSITY DISKETTES ONLY £49 INC VAT (Normail)

FREE BOX OF PAPER WORTH £9.79 with every purchase of 3 HP mono inkjet car-

UP TO £40 OFF LOGITECH PRODUCTS e.g. Logitech SoundMan 16 NOW ONLY £99

£10 OFF Back up your data with POWERSTREAMERS Were £139

UP TO £100 OFF Improve your systems performance with VIDEO CARDS e.g. SPEA Mercury VESA Local Bus 2MB NOW ONLY £297.02 (+ VAT = £349)

PLUS LOTS MORE FAMOUS NAME DEALS IN EVERY STORE

ESCOM PERSONAL COMPUTER STORES NATIONWIDE

ABERDEEN 219 Union Street	Tel: 0224-212132
BIRMINGHAM 39-40, Temple Street	Tel: 021-643-6768
BOLTON 16/18 Bradshawgate	Tel: 0204-363535
BRISTOL 10 Merchant Street	Tel: 0272-297919
CARDIFF Unit 11 St. Davids Link	Tel: 0222-220220
CHELTENHAM 10, Pittville Street	Tel: 0242-262574
CHESTER 116-118 Foregate Street	Tel: 0224-316655
COVENTRY 11-12 Bull Yard	Tel: 0203-229898
CROYDON 42, South End	Tel: 081-760-9988
EDINBURGH 141, George Street	Tel: 031-226-5959
GLASGOW 100, Stockwell Street	Tel: 041-552-7878
HULL 36 Paragon Street	Tel: 0482-212003
KINGSTON 19-23 Fife Road	Tel: 081-974-9494
LEEDS 97-99 Vicar Lane	Tel: 0532-454400
LEICESTER 20, Market Street	Tel: 0533-540000
LIVERPOOL 22 Lord Street	Tel: 051-708-8181
MANCHESTER 12 John Dalton Street	Tel: 061-832-3222
NEWCASTLE	opening soon
NOTTINGHAM 4 The Elite Queen Street	Tel: 0602-582100
ROMFORD 40-44 North Street	Tel: 0708-737837
SHEFFIELD 129 Pinstone Street	Tel: 0742-798800
SOLIHULL 146-148 High Street	Tel: 021-711-1819
WOLVERHAMPTON 4-5 North Street	Tel: 0902-24040
YORK 11-13 Clifford Street	Tel: 0904-636333

ESCOM

THE NORMAL APR ON ALL OTHER PRODUCTS WILL BE REDUCED TO 23.9% FROM MONDAY JANUARY 10TH
ALL STORES OPEN • MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.30 - 6.00
THURSDAY 9.30-8.00 • SATURDAY 9.00 - 5.30
FOR DETAILS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS RING OUR 24 HOUR TELESALES HOTLINE 0800-665500 OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL STORE

Prices and details are correct at time of going to press. Offers are subject to availability and specification changes without notice. Offers limited to one of each per customer. Extended warranties and credit facilities available subject to status. Interest free credit is not available in conjunction with any other offer. WARRANTY Now you can buy from ESCOM with even more confidence! All ESCOM Desktop and ESCOM Tower systems now come with 12 months on site, next day warranty, including parts and labour and, for even more peace of mind, the warranty can be extended to 36 months with the additional option of 4 hour response.

bailiffs evict
clergyman, 70,
'unholy' divo

Duke will be at the duchess's side as she becomes a Catholic

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Duchess of Kent will be accompanied by her husband, her three children and a small circle of close friends when she is received into the Roman Catholic Church at a private Mass conducted by Cardinal Basil Hume tomorrow.

Only 12 outsiders have been invited to the ceremony in the cardinal's private chapel at Archbishop's House by Westminster Cathedral, when the duchess will become the first close member of the royal family in recent history to switch to the Roman faith.

No other members of the royal family will be present. There were indications yesterday that, although the Queen has given her formal consent to the duchess's decision, the monarch as supreme governor of the Church of England has distanced herself from the issue and is determined to regard it as a private matter for the duchess's conscience.

During the Mass the duchess will make a profession of faith, declaring: "I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God." She will then take her first Roman Communion, a symbolic act which will be seen by traditionalists as shattering a strong Protestant tradition enshrined in the monarchy since the 1701 Act of Settlement debarring Catholics from the throne.

She will not, however, be baptised. As Katherine Worsley, daughter of a high Anglican Yorkshire family, she was baptised as a child.

Among those watching the duchess's reception into the Roman church will be her husband the Duke of Kent, who as Grand Master Mason of England heads a movement that has little truck with the Catholic Church. She will also be accompanied by her eldest son, George, Earl of St Andrews, who excluded himself from the line of succession to the throne in 1988 by marrying a Canadian Roman Catholic divorcée at an Edinburgh register office. Her other children, Lord Nicholas Windsor and Lady Helen Taylor, both Anglicans, will also be present. Further evidence emerged yesterday that the duchess's decision to become a Roman Catholic is the product of many years of soul-searching. The Right Rev Gordon Wheeler, the retired Roman Catholic bishop of Leeds, disclosed that the duchess had first approached him 12 years ago, in the aftermath of the miscarriage that so deeply affected her. The duchess confessed that any suggestion of her converting to Catholicism would upset her family "very grievously", Bishop Wheeler said. "But she was interested in Rome, because it taught like Our Lord on questions of faith and morality."

Cardinal Hume, who has led the duchess in her instruction into the Roman faith, told BBC Radio 4 yesterday: "She has felt more at home in the Catholic Church, partly because she has prayed in Catholic churches, partly because she has read books."

Why people convert, page 14
William Rees-Mogg, page 16
Diary, page 16

Gardner death ends gagging of deportees

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE gagging of deportees who resist arrest is to be banned under Home Office guidelines prompted by the Joy Gardner case.

Police will also be forbidden to use restraining equipment such as a belt and handcuffs except with the consent of a doctor.

The guidelines, announced yesterday, were recommended by a review set up by the Home Office and the police after the death of Mrs Gardner last year. The review suggests better planning of difficult deportations, and better training for police.

Mrs Gardner, a Jamaican aged 40, collapsed during a struggle with police and immigration officers when they came to her north London home in July to try to deport her. She died later in hospital. A mouth restraint and a belt fitted with handcuffs had used to arrest her and a post-mortem examination found that she had died from suffocation.

An investigation supervised by the Police Complaints Authority has yet to report on the case, and the work of the Scotland Yard squad had been suspended pending the outcome.

According to Home Office figures issued yesterday, police took part in 240 deportations in the past 18 months. In 139 cases, handcuffs were used and in six cases a bodybelt and cuffs were used. There were no figures for the use of a gag.

The review concluded that handcuffs should be available where necessary in accordance with ordinary police practice, but that the use of additional arm and leg restraints, under strictly controlled conditions, was justified where the detainee could not otherwise be restrained.

The recommendations suggest that if a belt and handcuffs are to be used there should first be a medical examination by a doctor. Arm and leg restraints should be used only to ensure safety of the detainee, the police and the public on board, and immediately before boarding, an aircraft.

The review calls for research into replacing the leather body belt and cuffs with more modern equipment and into methods of dealing with deportees who bite, spit or shout.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said: "We have looked very carefully at general procedures in removal cases and acknowledge that lessons should be learned. The law must be enforced in these cases, but the procedures followed must command the confidence of the whole community".

Last night, Graham Allen, Labour home affairs spokesman, welcomed the "belated banning" of the use of gags, but said: "We are still falling far short of standards in the rest of Europe."



The use of restraining equipment such as this belt and handcuffs must now be approved by a doctor


Gardner: died after being restrained

Accused doctor had drugs record

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE doctor accused of turning slimmers into junkies was a successful record producer who helped the rock group The Police to stardom, it was disclosed yesterday.

Dr Nigel Gray, 46, of Truro, Cornwall, won three Grammy awards in the early 1980s after producing The Police's first two albums *Outlandos D'Amour* and *Reggatta De Blanc*. But he gave up his profitable London recording studio to return to medicine, specialising in dietary problems.

Dr Gray — who was convicted of possessing illegal drugs in 1985 — is accused of giving his patients slimming tablets without telling them about the side-effects.

Dr Gray told a disciplinary hearing of the General Medical Committee: "In the late 1970s I became a full-time record producer and recorder after giving up my work as a doctor. It took off in a big way and I won three Grammy awards in Los Angeles. I had my own recording studio in London which was used by pop singers.

"But in 1985 there was a police raid on the studio and they found traces of cocaine and cannabis. I pleaded guilty in the magistrate's court and I was fined. I was also suspended for 12 months by the GMC."

He said: "When my suspension was up I sold the studio and me and my family moved out of London to live in the country in Cornwall.

"I started up a diet centre to help people with food allergies but I was not welcomed by other doctors in Plymouth."

The hearing was told that several of Dr Gray's patients became hyperactive and suffered panic attacks when they started taking weight-loss tablets prescribed by Dr Gray. They said Dr Gray did not tell them of the serious side-effects they would suffer, including sleepless nights, diarrhoea and sickness.

But Dr Gray claimed that the patients were not following his instructions properly. He said: "The tablets were appetite suppressants and were supposed to be used by people who were eating a balanced diet.

"I told them there would be minor side-effects but these women drastically reduced the amount they ate which led to serious side-effects. Most of my patients are very grateful for my help."

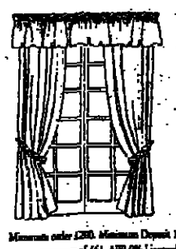
MULTIYORK

High Quality Furnitur
Direct from the Manufacturer



Sofas from £595 Suites from £1495

- Tailored Totally Removable Covers
- Thousands of Fabrics to choose from.
- Large range of models and sizes
- Sofas, Sofabeds, Armchairs, Suites or Groups
- Choice of Soft or firm comfort levels
- Hardwood frame & steel spring construction, guaranteed for 10 years.



SALE OFFERS
On Made to Order Curtains, Soft furnishings & Period Style, Oak, Cherry Mahogany & Yew.
All with up to 3 Years 0% Credit



Minimum order £200. Minimum Deposit 15%. Credit Example: Price £1000. Deposit £400. Then pay 36 monthly payments of £61. APR 0% Licensed credit broker. Written quotations on request. Subject to status.

OPEN DAILY - 5.30 pm SAT SUN - 6 pm

BRIGHTON	0273 206291	MILLS	0379 783413
BRISTOL	0272 272323	†NEWCASTLE	091 230 4704
BROMLEY	081 4642253	NORTHAMPTON	0604 28545
CAMBRIDGE	0223 313463	NORWICH	0603 616839
CANTERBURY	0227 785485	OXFORD	0865 728733
CHELTENHAM	0242 242243	PALMERS GREEN	081 8667514
CHESTER	0244 322377	READING	0734 585052
COLCHESTER	0206 42007	SHEFFIELD	0742 722801
DERBY	0332 343913	SOLIHULL	021 711 2922
GUILDFORD	0483 451623	ST. ALBANS	0727 838588
HARROGATE	0423 527966	SUTTON	081 643 3242
HORNCHURCH	0708 470299	SUTTON COLDFIELD	021 323 3240
KENSINGTON	071 589 2303	SWISS COTTAGE	071 722 7810
#KINGS ROAD	071 371 5029	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	0892 528611
KINGSTON	081 546 5040	WATFORD	0923 230042
LOUGHTON	081 502 4123	WEYBRIDGE	0932 859990
MAIDSTONE	0622 693072	WORCESTER	0905 612585
MANCHESTER	061 839 4398		

† Open Thursday until 7.30 pm # Open Wednesday until 7.30 pm

NOW OPEN IN CHESTER & OXFORD

THE HALIFAX WISHES YOU A HAPPY 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999,

OUR NEW YEAR FIXED RATE MORTGAGES.		
First Time Buyers/Halifax borrowers moving.	Other borrowers.	Fixed until 30th April.
5.99% 6.4% APR	6.2% 6.6% APR	1996
6.49% 7.0% APR	6.7% 7.1% APR	1997
6.99% 7.7% APR	7.2% 7.7% APR	1999
7.99% 8.6% APR	7.99% 8.6% APR	2004
PLUS VALUATION FEE REFUND OF UP TO £405.*		

By fixing your mortgage below our standard base rate, you'll be able to predict your repayments right up to the end of the century. And if you want an even longer range forecast, we have one which will take you well into the next. Whichever deal you choose, you can also look forward to being given a valuation fee refund of up to £405.*

For more details, just call into your local Halifax branch or ring us free on **0800 10 11 10** for an information pack. You'll find our fixed rate deals are just another example of our forward thinking.

HALIFAX
Get a little extra help.

APRS SHOWN ARE TYPICAL FOR ENDOWMENT MORTGAGES FOR 25 YEARS. THE PROPERTY IS SECURITY FOR THE LOAN. MONTHLY PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY EITHER HALIFAX PAYMENT PLAN OR DIRECT DEBIT FROM AN EXTERNAL CURRENT ACCOUNT. A MORTGAGE INDEMNITY PREMIUM IS CHARGED WHERE THE LOAN EXCEEDS THE SOCIETY'S BASIC LENDING LIMIT OF 75% OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OR VALUATION, WHICHEVER IS LOWER. MAXIMUM LOAN AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OR VALUATION, WHICHEVER IS LOWER, IS 95%, FOR REMORTGAGES 85% AND FOR A SECOND HOME LOAN 75%. THE TERMS OF ALL FIXED RATE MORTGAGES ARE PORTABLE FROM 1ST FEBRUARY 1994, SUBJECT TO A TRANSFER FEE - AMOUNT TO BE ADVISED AT THE TIME OF NEW APPLICATION. TO QUALIFY FOR FIRST TIME BUYER FIXED RATES EITHER BUILDINGS (EXCEPT WHERE REQUIRED BY THE TERMS OF ANY LEASE) AND CONTENTS INSURANCE OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS PROTECTOR COVER ARE TO BE ARRANGED BY THE SOCIETY. *REFUND OF THE COST OF A SCHEME 1 VALUATION FEE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF £405. TO QUALIFY MORTGAGE APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 28TH FEBRUARY 1994, AND COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE 30TH APRIL 1994, ONLY AVAILABLE TO NEW HALIFAX BORROWERS FOR MAXIMUM LOANS UP TO 85%. FOR WRITTEN QUOTATIONS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OFFICE OR HALIFAX BUILDING SOCIETY, TRINITY ROAD, HALIFAX, WEST YORKSHIRE HX1 2RG. ALL LOANS ARE SUBJECT TO A SATISFACTORY APPRAISAL OF STATUS AND FINANCIAL STANDING AND ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO PERSONS AGED 18 OR OVER.

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT.

هكذا من الأصل

Don't fret before the big meeting. Laugh, cry, scream, gasp and giggle instead.



You've dotted the i's. You've double-crossed the t's. And now, with another four hours of flying still to go, your mind just doesn't want to let up.

It niggles. It worries. It makes a nuisance of itself generally.

But right in front of your nose you find an irresistible distraction.

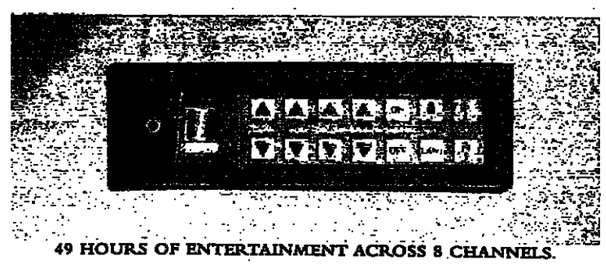
The Club World seat back video. Now fitted as standard in all our planes, it's different from any other in-flight entertainment in the world.

Eight different channels run for 49 hours on the return flight. So you'd have to fly twice round the world to see it all.

And by that time, our movie premiere channel would have probably had its monthly update. Bringing you the latest films, hot from Hollywood.

Then again, some like it old. So there's the movie classics channel. And for those who like it silly, the comedy channel. Or there's sports. Or the arts. Or current affairs. And just for luck, another movie channel. own personal control pad, and all with pin-sharp picture clarity.

It's funny how when you've been bitten by Dracula, loved and lost in La Bohème and played with



49 HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT ACROSS 8 CHANNELS.



THE WORLD'S WIDEST CHOICE IN BUSINESS CLASS.

Agassi, you feel perfectly ready for

Sex ring 'used guns to scare children into depraved acts'

VICTIMS of a paedophile sex ring were threatened with drowning, shotguns and knives to stop them talking about their experiences, a court was told yesterday.

A boy aged 13 who was regularly abused by his father and other men was dropped into the sea from a boat as a warning, Swansea Crown Court was told. Other terrified children were tied up or had knives held to their throats before being forced to commit indecent acts.

Gerard Elias QC, for the prosecution, said: "Children were used and abused without regard to their wishes, their health or their screams of terror or disgust."

Eleven men and a woman face a total of 42 charges after a Dyfed-Powys police and social services investigation into alleged child sex abuse spanning four years up to August 1991.

The court was told of ritual group-sex sessions in an isolated barn in west Wales, in which adults wore only wigs and cloaks. Men were "allocated" teenage boys, who were ordered to strip and subjected to serious sexual assault, it was alleged. The parents of some of the youngsters were involved, Mr Elias said.

"Some parents embarked upon these practices with enthusiasm from the beginning, bringing their own children to be victims of the most depraved and revolting conduct imaginable."

He said "chilling" evidence was unravelled by police and social services as the embarrassed, frightened children were interviewed.

A picture emerged of unbearably painful physical and mental abuse "carried out with a degree of degradation by adults that almost defies belief". Thirteen children, from toddlers to teenagers, were taken into local authority care after the police began the investigation.

A girl of two was ferried by tractor to sheds and barns for sex sessions arranged by the adults, the court was told. Children were sometimes put in a vehicle inspection pit during the abuse. Mr Justice Kay made an order banning publication of any details that might lead to the children being identified. Two mothers who lived in fear of one defendant — who can be referred to only as DD — would be among those giving prosecution evidence, the court was told.

Mr Elias told the jury of seven men and five women that the abuse began "in a family context" but spread to involve outsiders to become an organised paedophile group.

"It seems that in the case of some of the children that the abuse happened from such an early age, and so frequently, that the children accepted it as apparently normal behaviour," he said.

On one occasion a knife was held to a boy's throat with the threat: "This is what will happen to you."

Mr Elias said a mother who refused to join in would tell the jury of one session in a locked barn where about nine boys, aged 12 to 14, were present with about twelve men and two women. Knives and guns were produced and the boys ordered to strip.

The men went behind a partition of hay bales and emerged, naked except for cloaks and hoods before committing sexual acts. DD had intercourse with SJ, a woman defendant, in view of everyone, it was alleged.

Mr Elias said the jury would hear of "a very heart-rending scene in which a frightened boy had begged and screamed for the adults to stop". He said: "But it was to no avail. No attempt was made to stop what was going on."

The defendants, aged between 20 and 68, deny joint charges of conspiring to commit serious sexual assaults, indecent assaults and acts of gross indecency.

Two of the men also deny specimen charges of buggery and gross indecency on various children.

The case is expected to last several months. The first boy witness will give evidence through a video link next week.

The trial continues today.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Anthony and Julia Miller, the new owners. The manor was a bargain, but repairs will cost £250,000



Alder House in its ivy-clad heyday

Council sells listed mansion for a fiver

A SEVENTEENTH-century listed country house near Wigan has been sold for only £5 (Rachel Kelly writes).

Wigan Borough Council put Alder House, Atherton, on the market last summer for £1 because repairs are estimated at £250,000 and it cannot be demolished because it is grade II listed.

The new owners, Anthony and Julia Miller, gazumped others who had offered the asking price.

The house, which was built in 1679 as part of the Alder Fold estate, was a private home until 1916. It has recently been used as a clinic and by Wigan Groundwork Trust.

Mr Miller, 36, and his wife, 34, who have three daughters, intend to live in the house and run their computer and electronics business from it when repairs have been carried out.

But they deny they have scooped a great bargain. Mr Miller said: "The money we will be spending on repairs will amount to more than it will eventually be worth when we finish."

Ports watch for father and son, 2

Ports and airports have joined the search for a father who snatched his son last weekend and who may be trying to take him to eastern Turkey.

Kemal Ciplak, 2, a ward of court, disappeared after spending a day with his father, Mustafa, a caretaker at Farnborough technical college Hampshire.

The boy's mother, Lorelei, 37, of Brighton, said: "Mustafa despises the English and always said he wanted our son brought up in Turkey."

Train trial

The driver of a train that destroyed Maidstone East railway station in a crash last September has been committed for trial. Graham Barnes, 36, of Dover, is charged with being drunk in charge of a train and endangering life.

Hotel thefts

A duty manager at Selfridges Hotel in central London has been charged with stealing money and valuables from guests' safety deposit boxes. Mohammed Khalil, 34, is also alleged to have stolen silverware and linen from the hotel.

Fatal penicillin

A man with a sore throat was killed by a penicillin injection prescribed by a newly qualified doctor, an inquest has heard. Mark Burkhill, 20, of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, suffered a rare reaction to the drug. Verdict: misadventure.

Baby in care

A baby boy aged five months found covered in excrement in a house in Leeds has been placed in care for eight weeks. His brothers, aged six, four, three and two, are also subject to an interim care order.

Thriving ant

A species of ant thought to be extinct in Britain has been found thriving in Surrey.

Alleged IRA man 'wept for shot PC'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MEMBER of an alleged three-man IRA active service unit broke down in tears at a police station and repeatedly asked about a policeman shot by the gang as they fled a bombing raid on a gas works, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Denis Kinsella, 26, sat in a cell weeping and visibly upset, PC Geoffrey Halliwell told a jury. He said Mr Kinsella asked: "Have you heard how the officer is?"

When PC Halliwell asked which officer; Mr Kinsella replied: "The one who has been shot."

PC Halliwell said Mr Kinsella, who was being held at a police station in Salford, Greater Manchester, after the Warrington gas works attack, said: "I didn't shoot him. I was only driving. I drove them both up from Nottingham."

Mr Kinsella said the officer, PC Mark Toker, had stopped their van in Warrington. The gunman, who had been in the back of the van, pushed him aside and fired. "The noise was terrible. I can still hear it ringing in my ears. I hope to God he survives so he can say it wasn't me."

Mr Kinsella, accused during the interview of being a member of the IRA, replied: "I categorically deny that. I am not a member of the IRA, I am not a sympathiser, I think what they are doing is terribly wrong."

Mr Kinsella, of Nottingham, and Pairic MacFhloinn, 39, of Dublin, whom the prosecution allege was the gunman, deny causing an explosion, attempting to murder PC Toker, causing him grevious bodily harm, kidnapping motorist Lee Wright, attempting to murder PC Andrew MacKay and possessing a firearm last February. Denis Kinsella's uncle, John Kinsella, 48, of Nottingham, denies possessing Semtex explosives.

The trial continues.

Americans win contract to lock up British prisoners

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AMERICANS will help to run a new British jail. The £66 million contract for Doncaster prison has been won by an Anglo-American consortium, Premier Prison Services, with a promise of high technology systems and special programmes for young offenders.

The company, which will run the prison when it opens this year with 771 inmates, is a joint venture between the Florida-based Wackenhut Corrections Corporation and Serco, a services management company whose customers include the Ministry of Defence, Customs and Excise and Marks & Spencer.

Wackenhutt, described as the world's largest private operator of prisons, runs 12 institutions in the US and Australia housing 6,130 inmates.

Prisoners at Doncaster will be offered incentives for good behaviour. A drugs and alcohol abuse unit will offer counselling with the help of prisoners' families. High-technology systems used in the US will be harnessed, including electronic gates that prevent any build-up of prisoners.

The mixed jail will be the third and largest in Britain to be run by a private group and the first where private managers are responsible for category A prisoners, the highest security grade. There will also be 440 young offenders.

Announcing the contract yesterday, Derek Lewis, director general of the prison service, said Premier had been chosen from five contenders because it offered innovation and value for money. The proposal included constructive activity for prisoners for 12 hours a day.

Premier will get the five-year contract on the basis that its operation will cost £295 a week for each prisoner, which is lower than the costs for existing privatised prisons and the state system.

The Prison Officers' Association said: "Offering the contract to another security company merely demonstrates the Government's fetish for privatisation at a time when they ought to be returning to the back-to-basics idea of quality public service."

BT Shops

Pick up this BT mobile phone for just £29.99 deposit and 18 monthly payments of £15!

18 MONTHS INTEREST FREE CREDIT**

And choose one of these AMAZING offers!*

1 FREE UNLIMITED WEEKEND CALLS NATIONWIDE

Your weekend calls to anywhere in the UK are absolutely FREE for 12 months when you connect to Call Connections lifetime™ for Leisure tariff. Free calls operate from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday – ask for details.

or

2 FREE PHONE!

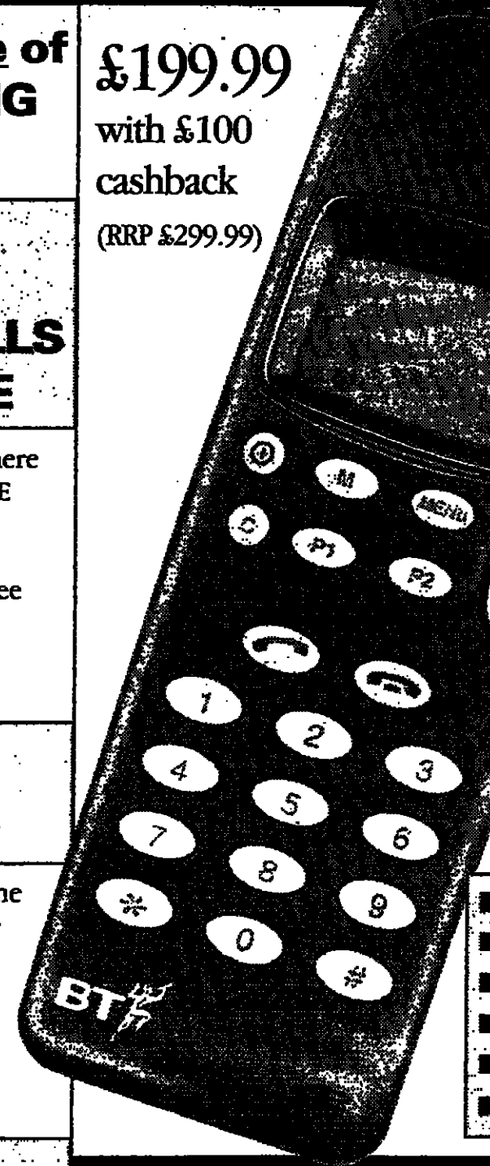
You can receive a refund of the FULL PRICE you pay for your BT mobile phone (£299.99) after you have been a Call Connections customer for 30 consecutive months – ask for details.

or

3 £100 CASHBACK

You can receive a cheque for £100 towards the cost of your new phone after you have been a Call Connections customer for 30 consecutive days – ask for details.

£199.99 with £100 cashback (RRP £299.99)



Now mobile phones really are within your reach! You can enjoy interest free credit for 18 months when you buy a new BT CMH-200 mobile phone.

A deposit of just £29.99 followed by 18 monthly payments of £15 is all it takes. And you can also choose ONE of these amazing offers.

For full details call into your nearest BT Shop today.

- Full LCD display
- Illuminated keys for easy use
- 15 speed-dial numbers
- Compact and attractive
- Security lock
- Last number re-dial facility

Available at BT Shops

cellnet The BIG network for small phones.

For details of your nearest BT Shop Call Connections FREE on

0800 858 500

*All offers close 29/1/94. **Interest Free Credit is available at selected stores. Typical Example: Deposit £29.99 followed by 18 monthly payments of £15. Total credit price £299.99 (APR 0%), subject to status. Written details on request. BT is a licensed credit broker. Full terms and conditions of this offer are available in BT Shops or by calling 0800 858 500. All applications are subject to status and phones are subject to availability.

Maxwell wife tells of life in the big man's shadow

BY EMMA WILKINS

ROBERT Maxwell was immensely lonely and believed nobody loved him shortly before he drowned, according to his daughter-in-law Laura.

Speaking for the first time about her marriage to Maxwell's son Ian, Mrs Maxwell, 31, says her father-in-law could be unpleasant to all his children at times but they loved him nonetheless.

"I remember when Bob was alive, Ian would go in to work some weekends and find him lying in his bed, feeling sorry for himself," Mrs Maxwell says in an interview published in next month's *Tatler* magazine. "Ian saw that towards the end of his life his father felt no one loved him and he was immensely lonely.

"Bob could be horrible to people, including Ian. But Ian always loved his father and he always wanted his love in return," she said. "I think that's what Ian and all his brothers and sisters were chasing after all their lives."

Mrs Maxwell married Ian, 37, six months before his father's death. The couple met at a party in London and spent their honeymoon on Maxwell's yacht the *Lady Ghislaine*, cruising the Greek islands. It was from the same boat that Maxwell went missing in November 1991 before the shortfall in his company's pension fund came to public notice.



Laura Maxwell: father always put children first



Ian Maxwell: father was horrible to him

Mrs Maxwell, who was born in Chicago, does not understand the "morbid fascination" with the circumstances of his death and believes the full facts will never be known.

Her father, George Plumb, a lawyer, suffered a heart attack in a swimming pool in Chicago less than a year after Maxwell's death and Mrs Maxwell felt his loss terribly. "My father considered his children the first and most important thing in his life and he used to say to us that what he liked about us was that we had all turned out so differently. He was so unlike Bob, who seemed to want to mould all his children in his image."

Mrs Maxwell, who helped to set up the satellite channel UK Living and works with a company which finds finance for British films, has rejected suggestions that she should revert to her maiden name. "I've married this man. I love him. I am not ashamed to carry his name," she said. But the couple have decided not to start a family until their future is more secure.

Mrs Maxwell admits to some qualms about marrying into the family due to "the Max factor". "I knew that, marrying a Maxwell, I would have to work hard to keep my own sense of identity," she said. Learning from the difficulties of her brother-in-law Kevin and his wife Pandora, she decided not to become close to Maxwell, in order to avoid family disputes, she added.

Her first impression of her future husband was of "an attractive, engaging but lonely young man who was trying hard to come out from under his father's shadow", and it took several months for her to agree to a relationship.

"Then one day it suddenly occurred to me how unfair I was being to Ian. I saw that I was discriminating against him because of something no man can reasonably be blamed for — his father."

SIMON WALKER



Celia Colman, left, was among the first in the queue as Channel tunnel train tickets went on sale at Thomas Cook's head office in central London yesterday. The first ticket, however, was sold to Steve Makin, of Sutton Coldfield, at a travel agent in Wednesfield, West Midlands. He was refunded the £280 he paid as a reward

Channel 4 rejects F-word ruling

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CHANNEL 4 has defended its right to broadcast material containing obscene language in defiance of the television taste and decency watchdog.

In an unprecedented attack on the Broadcasting Standards Council, Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, has accused the statutory body of being inconsistent over the regulations and out of touch with public standards.

It is the first time a broadcaster has so openly clashed with the BSC in its five-year history. The row is likely to lead to further calls for it to be scrapped or merged with other television watchdogs.

The controversy centres on a ruling published by the BSC last month, when it issued one of its strongest-ever adjudications against Channel 4 for repeating an episode of the drama series *The Camomile Lawn*. The council was reacting to a single complaint about the use of the word f*** very soon after the 9pm watershed.

Mr Grade said that he would be prepared to transmit the same programme again, unedited, at the same time of night. "This adjudication is 100 per cent wrong. The BSC is an unrepresentative body imposing its own private prejudices on broadcasters' freedom of speech."

Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of Channel 4, has also taken the unprecedented step of releasing a copy of a stiffly worded formal letter to Lady Howe, chairman of the BSC, objecting about the ruling. In it, he points out that the offending word was taken directly from the text of Mary Wesley's novel.

The row has refocused attention on the precise nature and timing of the family viewing watershed. Although Sir Michael accepts the BSC's contention that the watershed should mark a gradual rather than instant change to more adult material at 9pm, he argues that broadcasters need to have scope for dramatic licence.

He told Lady Howe in his letter: "Our concern is that the Council appears to be trying to establish a new time barrier, or perhaps even a series of barriers varying for different words. This creates regulatory confusion, allowing no space for editorial context."

Colin Shaw, director of the BSC, said last night that the council stood by its original adjudication. The BSC's research showed that the word in question remained deeply offensive to many people.

Letters, page 17



Grade: adjudication is 100 per cent wrong

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Veterans' title

The Russian grandmaster Mark Taimanov has been declared world veteran champion after winning the tournament in Bad Wildbad, Germany. The sole condition of competing was to be 60 years old or over. Leading scores from a possible 11 points were: Taimanov (Russia), Gurgenidze (Georgia), Archangelsky (Russia), Lein (USA) and Krogius (Russia) 8.5 points; Khasin and Vasyukov (both Russia) and Honfi (Hungary) 8 points. Taimanov was declared winner on tie-break. In the parallel female championship Tatyana Zatulovskaya from Russia won with 10 points.

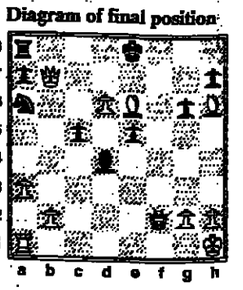
Beating the Benoni

I have received many fine games from *Times* readers, including D Richards, who has sent me the following game, played in a match between Honiton and Exeter University. White's central breakthrough leads to a powerful kingside attack.

White: D Richards
Black: R Lee
Club Match, Exeter 1983
Benoni Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	c5
3	d5	e6
4	Nc3	exd5
5	cxd5	d6
6	e4	g6
7	f4	Bg7
8	Nf3	0-0
9	Bd3	Na6
10	0-0	Nb4
11	Bb1	Re8
12	a3	Na6
13	e5	dxe5
14	fxe5	Ng4
15	e6	fxe6
16	Ng5	Bd4+
17	Kh1	Nf2+
18	Rxf2	Bxf2
19	Nce4	Bd4
20	d6	e5
21	Ba2+	Kg7
22	Nf7	Qh4
23	Bh6+	Kg8
24	Qf3	Be6
25	Nf6+	Kxf7
26	Nxe8+	Kxe8
27	Bxe6	Qf2
28	Qxb7	Black resigns

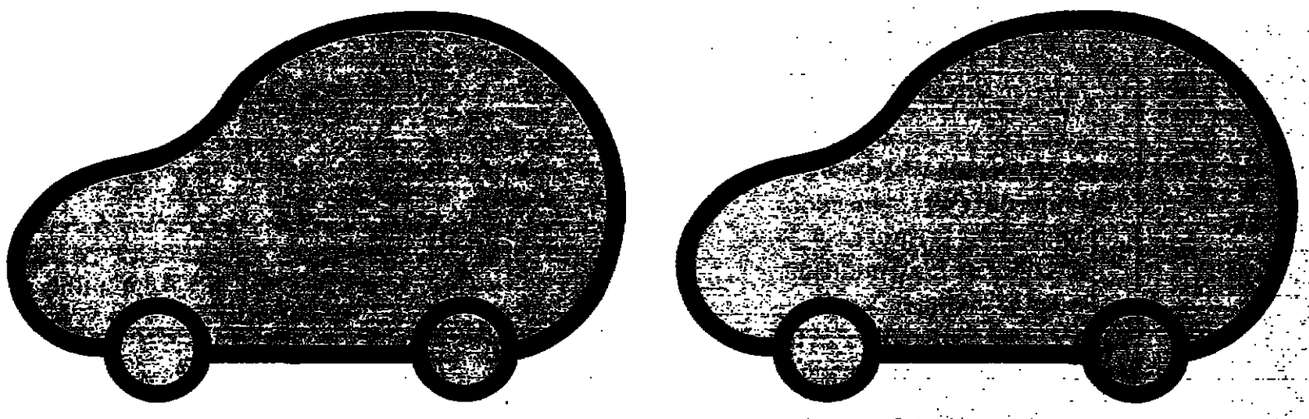
Diagram of final position



Readers' games

Readers are invited to continue submitting their own games for possible publication in this column. Games should be sent to me c/o Keene on Chess, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

THE SPECIAL EDITION MICRA DOT. 2 SPECIAL COLOURS. 0% APR FINANCE OVER 2 YEARS

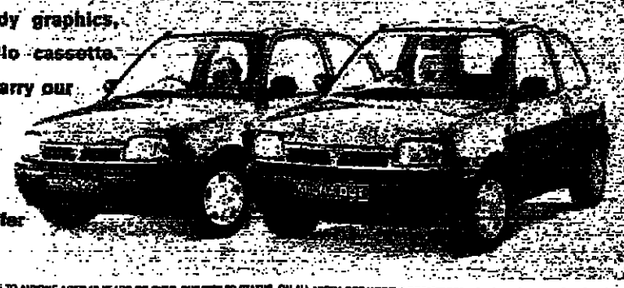


YOU CAN WITH A NISSAN

TYPICAL EXAMPLE – MICRA DOT	
Cash price (on the road)	£7,871.50
Minimum deposit at 50% of cash price	£3,935.75
Followed by 24 monthly payments of	£163.99
Total payable	£7,871.50
APR	0%

OR 60,000 MILES

•The special edition Micra Dot is available in two vibrant colours – Cobalt Blue and Flame Red. •16-valve engines give excellent fuel economy and the nippiness and performance you need. •Only £7,871.50 on the road. •Unique and stylish interior trim and body graphics, tilt/slide sunroof and stereo radio cassette. •Like all Nissans the Micra Dots carry our 3-year/60,000 mile manufacturer's warranty and one year's free Nissan/RAC roadside assistance. •You'll find your local dealer can offer you a variety of finance deals. MICRA For more information please phone 0345 800 800.



PRICE QUOTED CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS AND INCLUDES VAT, 6 MONTHS ROAD FUND LICENCE, NUMBER PLATES, DELIVERY AND A FULL TANK OF FUEL. FINANCE OFFER IS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE AGED 18 YEARS OR OVER, SUBJECT TO STATUS. ON ALL MICRA DOT MODELS REGISTERED AS RETAIL SALES BETWEEN 1ST JANUARY AND 31ST JANUARY 1994. FINANCE OFFER IS ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH NISSAN MOTOR FINANCE, 3 PRINCESS WAY, REDHILL, SURREY RH1 1RP. WRITTEN QUOTATIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. A GUARANTEE MAY BE REQUIRED. MODELS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T AFFORD A NEW CAR? YOU CAN WITH A NISSAN.

"This is a big opportunity Ames).

Teachers fall prey to flood of false sex abuse claims

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TEACHERS are being subjected to a rising tide of false and malicious allegations of child abuse, research suggests.

Accusations of physical and sexual abuse against teachers by pupils and parents have more than doubled since the Children Act came into force in October 1991, according to the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

Yet in the same period the number of people banned from the profession by the Government, usually after criminal conviction, has remained steady.

The mismatch indicates that growing numbers of teachers are being suspended, then investigated by police and social workers under the provisions of the act, only for accusations to be dropped, said the union. This often takes months, sometimes at the cost of a teacher's mental health or career.

Three other teaching unions also report steady increases in the number of allegations against members.

The findings have fuelled demands by teachers for the 1989 Children Act to be amended after John Patten, the Education Secretary, said last week that ministers would listen to the case for change.

The act was intended to protect children in "at-risk" families and pupils in residential and special schools. It made protection of the child paramount, emphasising that all allegations should be taken seriously and thoroughly investigated. But teachers have grown increasingly concerned at its impact in mainstream schools amid evidence that street-wise pupils are exploiting its protection to get back at staff they dislike. Allegations of abuse have arisen from such commonplace incidents as a teacher sending a child out of class or separating fighting pupils.

One recent case handled by the NAS/UWT involved a secondary teacher who was arrested and locked in a cell by police after a 15-year-old pupil alleged that he had been headbutted in front of three schoolboy witnesses. The charge of actual bodily harm was eventually thrown out by magistrates six months later when it emerged that the allegation had been cooked up by two boys angry that the teacher had excluded them from the district football team for bad behaviour.

The NAS/UWT statistics show that the number of allegations of improper behaviour by teachers towards pupils rose for the second successive year in 1993. The union instructed solicitors to represent 158 members who faced allegations last year — 57 of sexual abuse and 101 of physical abuse — compared with 134 in 1992 and 71 in 1991. In only nine of the 139 cases closed were teachers convicted of an offence. The police or the Crown Prosecution Service decided against taking further action in the remaining 130 cases.

The education department said the number of teachers added annually to its blacklist, List 99, had remained relatively constant for a decade. Some 54 teachers were added in 1989-90, falling to 49 in 1992-93. There are about 2,000 people on the list altogether.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, yesterday demanded that teachers be given specific rights to restrain violent or disruptive pupils. He urged ministers to issue guidelines giving schools, local authorities and social services greater flexibility to investigate allegations before formal procedures were set in motion.



SIMON WALKER

Some of the "top 20" young poets cram into the shop window of the Poetry Society in London yesterday after the Best of Contemporary Poetry list was announced

Radio 1 play-list lures poets from their lonely garrets

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

A "NEW generation" of poets were introduced yesterday in a versifier's Top Twenty designed to turn poetry into the new rock 'n' roll.

The 20 British poets, mostly newly published and all under 40, were chosen by a panel chaired by the broadcaster and author Melvyn Bragg on behalf of the Poetry Society. They will now have the Best of Contemporary Poetry tag.

In a promotional campaign to rival that undertaken by young novelists last year, their poems will be broadcast on Radio 1 as if they were pop records. One poem will be read out every hour from May 3, when the hype begins. The Poetry Society also promised that most high-street bookshops in major cities would display their work.

The twenty, with a wide range of style and subject matter, include familiar names such as Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage and Mick Imlah, and some whose work is known only to readers of poetry magazines. The faction-ridden poetry world was quick to raise questions about the promotional method chosen and omissions from the list. Fiona Pitt-Kethley, 39, who was angry because her publishers failed to enter her poetry into the competition, did, however, welcome the campaign: "I would have publishers vacuum-pack poetry and sell it in sex-shops if that increased sales."

The poet James Fenton asked whether it was appropriate for some of those chosen to appear on a pop station. "I think that a poet like Robert Crawford, whose work is quite difficult, might not be at home on Radio 1." But the close relationship between poets and the reading public could only be strengthened.

Glyn Maxwell, who made the list with his collection *Out of the Rain*, published by Bloodaxe, did not believe in the rock 'n' roll hype, even though his work is heavily influenced by musicians such as Bob Dylan and Tom Waites. "I can't quite make the connection between having my photo taken with 19 other poets and anyone buying any more books of poetry," he said.

But Peter Forbes, editor of *Poetry Review*, was wholly in favour. "This may prove that no one should be frightened of poetry — none of these poets uses words that would not be spoken, there is very little 'poetic' language here."

The 20 poets and winning volumes are: Moniza Alvi for *The Country at my Shoulder*, Simon Armitage for *Kid*, John Burnside for *The Myth of the Twin*, Robert Crawford for *Talkies*, David Dabydeen for *Turner*, Michael Donaghy for *Errata*, Carol Ann Duffy for *Mean Time*, Ian Duhig for *The Bradford Count*, Elizabeth Garrett for *The Rule of Three*, Lavinia Greenlaw for *Night Photograph*, W.N. Herbert for *Forked Tongue*, Michael Hofmann for *Corona Corona*, Mick Imlah for *Birthmarks*, Kathleen Jamie for *The Queen of Sheba*, Sarah Maguire for *Spilt Milk*, Glyn Maxwell for *Out of the Rain*, Jamie McKendrick for *The Kiosk on the Brink*, Don Paterson for *Nil Nil*, Pauline Stainer for *Sighting the Slave Ship*, and Susan Wicks for *Open Diagnosis*.

NUT accepts offer to discuss boycott

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

JOHN Patten, the Education Secretary, has called in leaders of the largest and most militant teachers' union for talks aimed at ending the boycott of national curriculum tests.

Mr Patten has written to the National Union of Teachers rejecting its demand for a two-year moratorium on statutory testing and assessment. But the union has accepted an invitation to discuss the issue with Baroness Blatch, the education minister.

Doug McAvoy, the NUT's general secretary, claimed yesterday the letter showed the question of a moratorium was not closed. "The Secretary of State has not said dismissively and finally 'no'. He has expressed a view and offered to carry on the debate."

However, the NUT is becoming increasingly isolated in its threat to continue last year's boycott, which wrecked tests. Other unions are moving towards a settlement following the announcement of curriculum reforms.

Mr Patten wrote: "Our overriding objective must be to raise standards. There is good evidence that the national curriculum and tests are doing just that. A two-year moratorium on further tests would not therefore be in the interests of pupils. Continuity in pupils' learning and assessment very much is." Mr McAvoy said Mr Patten had not refuted the union's argument that tests and assessment raised teachers' workload excessively, even if the time taken on tests had been halved. "If the demands were excessive in 1993, they are only half as excessive in 1994."

The union is surveying 140,000 members in advance of the executive's debate next month on the boycott. The last ballot in November produced a 20 to 1 majority for carrying on the protest.

☐ Funding for school improvements has been cut from £133 million to £7.5 million in two years, Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokesman, discloses today. The drop "defied common sense".


McAvoy: he will be surveying members

Record number of tourists visit UK

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

A RECORD number of tourists visited Britain in the first ten months of last year, spending more money than ever before.

Western Europeans, rather than traditionally high-spending Americans, helped to push up numbers of visitors to 4 per cent more than the same period in 1992, according to figures published yesterday by the International Passenger Survey (IPS).

The country welcomed 16.5 million visitors between January and October and they spent £7.8 billion, 15 per cent more than the same period a year earlier. When November and December are added, 1993 is likely to be a record year.

North American visitors fell by 3 per cent but Western European guests rose by 6 per cent. The British Tourist Authority described the figures as "encouraging".

The research comes a week after a survey by the British Tourist Authority showed that foreign visitors to London regarded it as safe and clean, although some said it was too expensive. Only 1 per cent were worried about personal safety, a result that contrasted strongly with an earlier survey showing more than 70 per cent of UK residents questioned thought it more dangerous to visit London than to travel abroad. According to the IPS, October was a record month with spending up 25 per cent to £820 million and visits up 8 per cent to 1.6 million.

Anthony Sell, chief executive of the British Tourist Authority, said: "Overall these figures are very encouraging. We look forward to maintaining this momentum in 1994."

☐ Tens of thousands of people visited travel agents in the week after Christmas to take advantage of holiday discounts, prompting a 112 per cent increase. AT&T Istel, which operates a travel services computer network used in 7,000 travel agency branches, said statistics were based on the number of hours agents used their terminals to search for and book holidays and flights.

Travel, pages 20 & 21

Rover gears up for flower power

BY KEVIN EASON AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

■ **Tomorrow's taxi and bus drivers may fill up with a fuel supplied by farmers from Britain's yellow fields of oilseed rape**

ROVER is to test cars that run on fuel from oilseed rape, the yellow-flowered crop that has spread across the English landscape.

Farmers have been planting oilseed rape for cooking oil and animal feed but scientists can turn it into biodiesel, which can be used to power conventional diesel-engined vehicles. The result could be a "green" fuel that has fewer emissions than ordinary diesel and comes from a renewable and easily obtained source.

The start of tests will be formally announced next week by Rover in association with United Oilseeds, Britain's biggest independent growing co-operative. United is to run three Rover 218i diesel hatchbacks for the next year so that the car maker can measure exhaust gas emissions and test engine durability and driveability. They also want to discover how practicable it would be to run what is essentially a refined vegetable oil through petrol pumps.

Although biodiesel, a derivative of oilseed rape known as rape methyl ester, is well known on the Continent, it has failed to raise interest in the United Kingdom. Rover scientists expect the tests to help decide whether rape oil is an alternative which could produce fewer polluting exhaust gases and still allow motorists to use their cars normally.

The greatest advantage is that oilseed rape is a renewable source and is easily harvested and refined. Supporters say that carbon dioxide emissions pumped from a car's exhaust would effectively be naturally recycled, absorbed by the oilseed rape.

Although biodiesel is not expected to take over from petrol and diesel, it could still provide a substantial amount of fuel, particularly for vehicles such as taxis and buses that run in towns and cities. Motorboats using environmentally sensitive waters such as the Norfolk Broads could also benefit.

European opinion on the viability of oilseed is divided, with the French environment and energy agency claiming the fuel produces only a fifth of the "greenhouse" gases generated by fossil fuels but Germany's federal environment office saying there is no difference.

Farmers restive over European Community rules forcing them to set aside land because of over-production of food would welcome the opportunity to grow crops for industrial production which would not require them to forfeit compensation payments. About one million tonnes of rape are produced annually, making it the third largest crop in the United Kingdom.

Biodiesel costs about 32p a litre to produce, compared with about 12p for conventional diesel. That could be remedied by excise duty changes, the acceptance by farmers of lower prices and improvements in the refining process.

Reading Transport, a division of the Berkshire town's borough council, has also been conducting rape-fuel tests on three buses. So far there are no published results, except that detractors say there is a noticeable emission from the exhaust . . . a smell of fish and chips.

Hope grows for spinal cases

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have succeeded in regrowing the severed spinal cords of rats. The breakthrough, which was announced today, offers real hope that human spinal tissue damaged by accident or disease could also be repaired.

Scientists have managed to regrow spinal cord in fish and birds, but this is the first time that it has been successfully done in mammals.

Many of the rats involved could walk, run, climb and jump with almost the same agility and co-ordination as rats whose cords had been untouched.

Anders Bjorklund, one of Europe's leading neurobiologists based at the University of Lund in Sweden, described the findings as "truly remarkable and an important step forward".

Two independent pieces of research, published in the journal *Nature*, have been carried out by scientists at Kyoto University and the University of Zurich.

The Japanese team took one- and two-day-old rats, cut their spinal cords, and grafted on spinal nerve tissue from rat foetuses.

The scientists claim that the tissue formed links with key parts of the spinal cord. The connections "were hardly distinguishable from normal ... this restoration appeared to be permanent, raising the possibility of therapeutic application in humans," say the scientists.

The Swiss scientists detected a chemical, neurotrophin-3, that acts as a powerful regenerator of the spinal cord. It is used in combination with cells that knock-out growth-inhibiting substances, also produced by the nervous system.

They regenerated 5 to 10 per cent of spinal fibres in adult rats, with some of the fibres growing distances of up to 20 millimetres.

Professor Bjorklund said spinal cord repairs could be possible within a decade or two, with help for people with partial damage available sooner. "The exciting thing is that once one knows regeneration is inherently possible, it is just a question of making it work," he said.

Two nights in London for two, for a snug £99 each. Plus a huge bunch of carrots.



From only £49.50 a night per person sharing a room, you can indulge in one of London's delightful country houses. (No, you're not dreaming)

The price *includes* full English breakfasts. It also includes VAT and service. And the 'Host Dines Free' privilege in all our fine restaurants. You can even earn Air Miles from your stay.

Then lo and behold, at the end of your two blissfully hedonistic nights, you have a choice. Either a *third* night, free. Or a pair of beautiful cotton bathrobes, embroidered with our monogram.

Those are our carrots. Wouldn't you love to be two of our rabbits? For reservations in London, or at any of Radisson International's 344 hotels worldwide, telephone us free on 0800 19 1991.

Exclusive offer ends 28 February 1994. Only available through above Hotline.

RADISSON EDWARDIAN HOTELS

London's country houses.

THE HAMPSHIRE, THE PRESCOTT, THE MONTMARTRE, THE RADISSON EDWARDIAN HEATHROW, THE DRAFT[illegible] ELWORTH, THE MARLBOROUGH, THE VANDERBILT, THE SAVOY COURT

Howe raises temperature before Prime Minister faces enquiry


Clark: the target of barbed criticisms

It has always been a mistake to underestimate Geoffrey Howe. As Baroness Thatcher acknowledges in her memoirs, he was the central architect of the economic achievements of her administration. His devastating resignation statement in November 1990 revealed that he can be formidable when roused. He showed that again yesterday in his blunt criticism of Lord Justice Scott's handling of his enquiry into the Iraqi arms affair. This eclipsed the evidence a month ago by Lady Thatcher herself and by the hero/villain of the affair, Alan Clark. Lord Howe offered some barbed descriptions of the latter worthy of his own best-selling diaries. Mr Clark, he said, embodied "all the charm that one individual can who is a walking definition of reckless".

These criticisms of the enquiry may have come as a surprise to Lord Justice Scott. But they have not come out of the blue. Lord Howe was in many respects speaking for the establishment, reflecting points made in private by many ministers and civil servants. He said he was motivated by a desire to defend those who had served him "loyally and diligently". His remarks were, in part, a defence of William Waldegrave, previously one of his team at the Foreign Office, who has had a hard time from the enquiry over

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

his role in relaxing the 1985 controls on exports to Iraq.

Lord Howe told friends before Christmas about his worries. His comments were in no sense a put-up job by Downing Street to undermine the enquiry before John Major gives evidence on Monday, as Labour has alleged. But Lord Howe has obviously raised the temperature before the Prime Minister's appearance.

His criticisms are in two parts: first, the conduct of the enquiry; and, second, the substance of the affair. His arguments cannot just be dismissed as special pleading. The judge, and Presiley Baxendale, his counsel, are, as Lord Howe argued, "detective, inquisitor, advocate and judge". Key figures have no opportunity to challenge the evidence of other witnesses. It might, as the judge argues, be unwieldy to allow all involved to have legal representation and to cross-examine witnesses. That risks a lack of balance and fairness. However, as Robin Cook noted, the Government itself ruled out a statutory tribunal which would have allowed broader questioning of witnesses.

Lord Justice Scott's relentlessness and assiduity have at least answered any suspicion of a cover-up. But his approach risks a lack of perspective, like the more naive forms of "investigative" journalism. Every minute detail is pursued, regardless of its broader context. The 1985 guidelines never had statutory force and were intended to be flexible. France, for instance, sold jets to Iraq when Britain refused to do so.

The Government's record is not, however, quite as straightforward as Lord Howe has claimed. The relaxation in the guidelines was not disclosed in view of human rights abuses by Iraq and because an announcement might cause difficulties in the Middle East. Many of those involved treated Parliament with contempt, giving misleading answers to MPs. The enquiry has revealed an atmosphere of cynicism and slipperiness in Whitehall. And this is before current ministers are questioned about the explosive issue of public interest immunity certificates to conceal evidence in the Matrix Churchill trial.

There may, as Lord Howe has argued, be no great conspiracy or Watergate-type scandal. But the enquiry cannot help but reinforce the impression of deviousness by a Government which has been in power for too long.

PETER RIDDELL

'Alan Clark couldn't see an applecart without wanting to overturn it'

Scott fights back against attack on arms probe

BY A STAFF REPORTER

LORD Justice Scott yesterday defended his arms-to-Iraq enquiry against criticisms made by Lord Howe of Aberavon.

A written statement, released after Lord Howe's unprecedented attack on the whole basis of Lord Justice Scott's enquiry, said: "Given the complexity of the matters into which the judge is enquiring and the number of officials and ministers from different departments who were involved, it would be ludicrous to permit legal representation to each person or department who might have an interest in particular issues.

"However, in order to ensure that individuals and departments are fully aware of the areas of interest to the judge, detailed questionnaires have been sent to witnesses.

"Witnesses may ask for legal (or other) assistance. Some witnesses have asked for such assistance; others have not," the statement said. "There is no suggestion that Lord Howe believes that he has been unfairly treated.

"I understand that Lord Howe was asked by the judge to identify those for whom he was speaking. I also understand that Lord Howe would not do so. If Lord Howe is speaking on behalf of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office or on behalf of the Government more generally, I should say that no complaint has been made to the enquiry about its procedures either by the FCO or by the Government.

Lord Howe had accused the judge of acting as "detective, inquisitor, advocate and judge", and complained that guidelines for the conduct of official enquiries had been ignored. As a result his conclusions may well not be accepted by ministers and civil servants, Lord Howe said. "People are bound to be less enthusiastic to accept your conclusions to the extent that these procedures have not been complied with."

His comments clearly took the judge by surprise. At one point he interrupted Lord Howe to rebuke him. "I am not prepared to get into a debate about this because I don't believe it to be profitable," he said.

Lord Howe defended the Government's handling of the whole issue of defence exports to Iraq. He told Lord Justice Scott that there was no evidence of any conspiracy or any corruption. "This is not so much an arms-to-Iraq scandal as it is a British trade control dilemma," he said. Lord Howe contrasted Britain's behaviour with that of its European rivals. He said that in 1989 Britain had refused to supply Hawk trainer jets to the Iraqis while the French had been only too willing to supply Alpha Jets in their place. The cost to Britain of this stance had been £3 billion, he said.

His opening statement was followed by further sharp exchanges with Lord Justice Scott and Presiley Baxendale, counsel to the enquiry. At one point he echoed the words of Baroness Thatcher in her evidence to the enquiry, complaining that Miss Baxendale was covering the same ground "again and again and again".

He was scathing when she tried to question him in detail about a letter he received in 1984 from the then Defence Secretary, Michael Heseltine.



"Mr Heseltine couldn't have imagined in his wildest dreams that that sentence would be examined in that way by people of your collective talents," he told her.

Lord Howe said the guidelines on defence sales to Iraq and Iran, which he announced in Parliament in 1985, had not been "the beginning and end of policy". They had always been intended to contain an element of flexibility.

Lord Howe defended a decision by ministers to relax the guidelines after the Iran-Iraq war, without informing the public or Parliament. He said that any announcement of a policy shift could have caused enormous difficulties with Britain's Middle East allies.

The decision was taken in December 1988 by three junior ministers — William Waldegrave, Alan Clark and Lord Trefgarne. Lord Howe refuted suggestions by Mr Clark in his evidence last month that he had wanted to announce the relaxation but had been overruled by the Foreign Office.

He said Mr Clark was "an amusing kind of person much easier to engage with and admire from afar than to deal with and work with", adding: "He embodies all the charm that one individual can who is a walking definition of reckless. He was almost at pains to provoke us. He couldn't see an apple cart without wanting to overturn it."

Leading article, page 17

'Wives of the long night' decried as male myth

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE lonely wives of MPs wait eagerly for their husbands to return from late-night Westminster sittings. Or so male MPs would have us believe.

Politicians campaigning for changes to Commons working hours were buoyed this week by the attack on "impossible and stupid" Commons hours by Silvana Ashby, whose husband David is Tory MP for Leicestershire North West.

Parliament's archaic working pattern was dragged into the family values controversy as she proclaimed: "It's a big destroyer of family life. Ours was a happy family before David became an MP."

Her plea for the wives of the long nights boosted the campaign by MPs, mainly those in London or with young families, for their working day to be shortened and for an end to sittings that run into the early hours.

But Mrs Ashby's views are rejected by several fellow wives, who say that weekday life without a husband is not all gloom and despondency.

"There's no reason why it should be a problem," said Kate Brazier, whose husband Julian is Tory MP for Canterbury. "He has his life and I have mine. The idea of someone who keeps popping back for lunch and tea fills me with horror. He has a busy working life and I have a busy time with three young children. You have to adapt to the situation."

Sheila Taylor, one of the longest-serving Westminster wives, maintains that the campaign for shorter hours is being waged by a small number of London-based MPs who want to spend more evenings at home. "They want to have dinners and go to social events but it just can't be done," said Mrs Taylor, whose husband, Sir Teddy, has been an MP for 29 years.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor's wife Nadine conceded that "the hours may seem nonsensical. But by having a late start to the day has actually meant he's seen more of our five children in the mornings. So it's not all bad."

Norma Dickens, wife of Geoffrey, Tory MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, has perhaps more reason than most to be concerned about her husband's nocturnal activities. Mr Dickens shocked journalists by telling them that he was leaving his wife before mentioning it to her.

Although she later welcomed him back, she said yesterday: "Wives don't know what their husbands may get up to, apart from anything else. It is a cause for great worry among the lonely wives."

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Opposition debate on *bureaucracy and waste in the National Health Service.*
Lords (3): Intelligence Services Bill, committee.

Major pledges safety-first policy on Bosnia air strikes

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

BRITISH troops would not be put at risk if Nato carried out its threat to use air strikes in Bosnia, John Major told MPs. He made it clear that any action would be guided by the commanders on the ground and that no decisions would be taken by politicians remote from what was happening.

However, the Prime Minister came under pressure from Opposition leaders to urge the allies to do more to stop the shelling of Sarajevo, the beleaguered Bosnian capital, and to open Tuzla airport.

Reporting to the Commons on the weekend Nato summit, Mr Major said that the alliance leaders would prefer not to use force, but those stopping the movement of humanitarian aid "must realise that force is available" to support United Nations relief efforts". Any decision to use force would taken with "considerable caution" he said.

John Smith, the Labour Leader, suggested that the British presence should be stepped up. "Do we not need a commitment to increase ground forces as requested by the UN to make a greater effort to bring some peace to Bosnia?" he asked.

But Mr Major, conscious of concerns on his back benches about the safety of British troops, said: "I have to say that is not a commitment I am at this stage prepared to extend until I am certain of the security of the British troops working for the UN there. Despite remarkable work they have done for humanitarian reasons, our first concern must be the security of UN troops, and in particular those of our own country."

Mr Smith, along with other MPs, warned of the danger of making empty threats. "Repeated declarations which are not followed through risk undermining the credibility of both Nato and the whole UN operation and only strengthen the hands of those who have become adept at defying the wishes of the international community," he said.


Ashdown: warning of hollow promises

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat Leader, who has visited the former Yugoslavia on a number of occasions, told the Prime Minister that if the Nato allies could not show the determination to deliver their promises they should not make them.

Mr Major said he would not take lectures from Mr Ashdown. He said that at one moment he wanted all-out war and the next he wanted the troops out. He accused the Liberal Democrat leader of "shifting and manoeuvring" over the conflict.

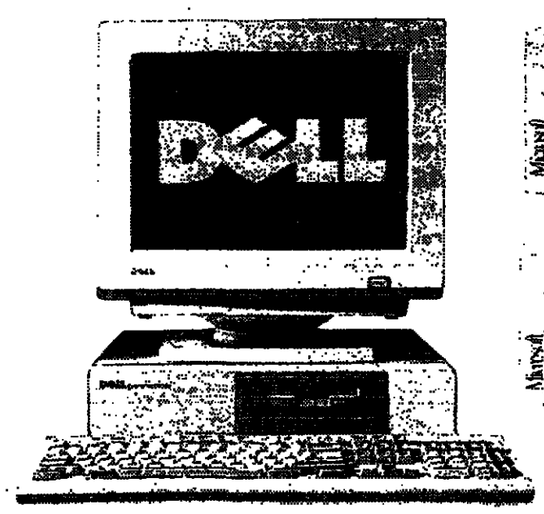
Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, vice-chairman of the backbench 1922 committee, summed up feelings among the majority of Tories when he sought an assurance that plans were in place to stop British and other UN troops being sucked into the conflict.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Conservative chairman of the all-party Defence Committee, said he welcomed the assurance that priority would be given to the security of British and other UN forces.

Andrew Faulds, Labour MP for Warley East and an outspoken supporter of the Muslim cause, complained about the "mumblings and bumblings" of Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and other Western leaders. He called for immediate military action to stop the Serbs shelling Sarajevo.

Air policy, page 12
Diary, page 16
Letters, page 17

"Does a business package that does the business have to cost a fortune?"



'Business Solution Pack'
DELL DIMENSION 433si
£1,059+VAT excl. delivery

- Microsoft® Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Intel® 486™SX 33MHz processor
- 170Mb Hard Drive
- 4Mb RAM
- 1Mb Video Memory
- Super VGA Colour Monitor
- Keyboard • Dell Mouse
- MS-DOS and Windows
- One year's warranty "Collect and Return" Service

For many companies, it's the million dollar question. You need the benefits that a powerful PC and software package can offer, but you don't need a massive hole in your bank balance.

Breathe easy. Dell have put together the 'Business Solution Pack.'

A Dell Dimension 433si plus two industry-leading Microsoft software applications, for the distinctly non-mega sum of £1,059 (+VAT & delivery).

Microsoft Word allows you to produce hassle-free professional documentation, while Microsoft Excel provides indispensable spread-sheet facilities. Both are pre-loaded, and ready to get down to work as soon as you are.

Our award-winning Technical Support hotline is open from 8am to 8pm weekdays if there's anything you need to ask.

It could be the best business decision you make this year. After all, we've built our business on understanding what yours might need.

Call us on 0344 720000 now, and find out what Dell can do for you.

DELL
TO ORDER, CALL
0344 720000
Between 8am and 8pm weekdays,
10am to 4pm Saturdays. T121

Dell is a registered trademark of the Dell Computer Corporation 1992. Intel, Intel Inside, Intel 486 are trademarks or registered trademarks of Intel Corporation. Microsoft Word, Excel, MS-DOS and Windows are trademarks of the Microsoft Corporation. Delivery is charged at £20 + VAT per system. Prices correct at 4.1.94. Dell Rental is offered (subject to status) to businesses trading 3 years or more.

Lockerbie security promises 'broken'

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

A LEAKED document shows that the Government is backtracking on promises made after the Lockerbie bombing to improve airport security, Labour claims. Existing security arrangements were seen by a Government task force as an "overly belt-and-braces approach at huge cost to industry", Frank Dobson, the shadow transport secretary, said yesterday.

The allegations are based on a leaked summary of an official report by the communications and transport deregulation task force, set up last year to cut business red tape. The report carried no date, but Mr Dobson said its results were already evident in the Government's failure to meet promises made after the Lockerbie disaster in December 1988, to introduce improved baggage handling procedures at airports.

He cited a Government assurance that measures to prevent unaccompanied luggage being loaded into aircrafts would be in place by the end of 1993. The official enquiry into Lockerbie concluded that such measures would have prevented the disaster. "Today, more than five years after the Lockerbie disaster, the Government has still not issued such a direction — any such arrangements are voluntary," Mr Dobson said. "I understand that virtually every day luggage is carried on aircrafts which cannot be matched to its passengers. He added: "I see no evidence of 'belt-and-braces' security at airports. The trousers are scarcely held up in some cases."

The Department of Transport said the technology required for the improvements had only recently become available. Trials were under way, a spokesman said, and use of the equipment would be made a statutory requirement as soon as possible.

It was difficult to generalise about the necessary level of security because the terrorist risk was so variable, the spokesman said.

Barcode deterrent, page 21

France reverses Taiwan policy in favour of China

BY DAVID WATTS AND SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

■ The Foreign Office last night rejected claims that a sharp policy change by Paris to restore good relations with Peking will weaken Britain's position over Hong Kong

FRANCE has agreed to recognise Taiwan as part of China in a move that would appear to weaken Britain's political position over Hong Kong and clear the way for the French to take a larger slice of mainland business.

In a sharp change of policy, Paris yesterday agreed to never sell arms again to Taiwan in the interests of restoring good relations with Peking. Chinese-French links deteriorated after a big order for Mirage fighter jets from Taiwan in 1992.

A joint communiqué said, in part: "The French side has confirmed that the French government recognises the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China and Taiwan as an integral part of Chinese territory."

Although the French statement appeared to contribute to a further weakening of the British position over Hong Kong this was denied by the Foreign Office last night. The Chinese have warned Britain repeatedly that its business interests will suffer if it continues to press for reforms in the colony. The French move also follows a successful visit to Peking by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, during which several lucrative contracts were signed.

Since its election last March, France's conservative administration has become aware of the financial cost of upsetting Peking: the lowest estimate is about six billion francs (£700 million) in lost contacts to French companies.

Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, made several references regretting the decision to sell the aircraft to Taipei, but was "honour bound" to fulfil a contract signed by a previous government.

The Chinese told the French after the conclusion of the Mirage deal that French firms would be excluded from contracts and the consulate in Guangzhou closed.

The official Chinese news agency said the two countries had "decided to restore their traditional relations of friendly co-operation", paving the way for Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, to visit Peking in March. "The Chinese side reaffirms that arms sale of any type to Taiwan will bring harm to China's sovereignty, security and reunification, and that the Chinese government will be firmly opposed to that," the agency said.

"In view of the concerns of the Chinese side, the French government has undertaken not to authorise any French enterprises to participate in the arming of Taiwan." The communiqué did not say explicitly what would happen to the already approved Mirage sale, however.

Asked about alleged human rights abuses in China, M Juppé said France's position had not changed. "We discuss it each time it is necessary." France was one of China's harshest critics after the army crushed pro-democracy protests in June 1989.

Many dissidents fled to Paris and were given sanctuary. In November, China lodged an official protest after President Mitterrand met the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader.

☐ **Taipei:** China may send warplanes into Taiwan's airspace to intercept hijacked Chinese airliners if the two sides fail to agree on repatriating hijackers, a newspaper reported yesterday. But an official of the cabinet-level Mainland Affairs Council said he doubted that the Chinese would intrude on Taiwanese territory.

The *United Daily News* said its information came from a confidential National Security Bureau document, stating that if talks on repatriation of hijackers collapsed, China might enter Taiwan's air space to force hijacked airliners to return. *(AFP)*



A street vendor in Peking preparing posters yesterday for the Chinese New Year, which falls on February 10. Making money is the central theme of the festivities this year

Governor defends strategy on colony

FROM REUTER IN SYDNEY

CHRIS Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, has defended his handling of the colony's 1997 return to China.

He was responding in a letter in *The Australian* yesterday to "Britain's Asian Blind Spot", an article published on January 5 in which Malcolm Fraser, the former Australian Prime Minister, claimed that his conduct reflected Britain's traditional inability to understand Asia. Mr Patten said that Britain and China agreed in their 1984 Joint Declaration that the legislature of the future Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China would be elected. He added that China's Basic Law for Hong Kong stipulated that a third of the first such legislature would be elected, followed by 40 per cent of the second and 50 per cent of the third.

"So it is already accepted by China that Hong Kong will become progressively more democratic," Mr Patten wrote. He also rejected Mr Fraser's charge that he was trying to tell China how to govern.

Whitehall sounds warning over Sierra Leone trial

BY EDWARD GORMAN

AS THE trial of four British citizens charged with treason begins in Sierra Leone today, the Foreign Office will announce a resumption of aid to the tiny West African state.

The decision comes amid undisguised concern in London over the chances that the four men — three of whom are waiters from Birmingham — will be given a fair hearing in Freetown, the Sierra Leone capital.

In what offical sources say is a bizarre case, the men, who include a Vietcong veteran, were arrested last October shortly after arriving in Freetown, having left their restaurant in Birmingham without warning. They have been held in a Freetown prison ever since.

There are still no full details of the allegations against them, but British officials in the country, which is a member of the Commonwealth, believe they face charges connected either to a coup attempt against the government of Captain Valentine Strasser, the head of state, or even an attempt to assassinate him.

The officials have established that British citizens can be charged with treason under existing Sierra Leone law.

Apart from the apparent history of one man with the Vietcong, the others are thought to have no military experience and it is thought unlikely they could have presented a credible threat to the Sierra Leone government.

The Government's fears over the case come after events in January last year when 26 Sierra Leone citizens, allegedly involved in a coup attempt against Captain Strasser, were shot, an act that was deplored by the Government and led to the suspension of aid.

Earlier this week Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Development Minister, told Abass Bundi, the Sierra Leone Foreign Minister, who was in Britain on a private visit, that London would take what was described as "a very dim view" if the trial is not handled properly.

Official sources denied that the decision to resume assistance to the country, worth about £2 million a year, is aimed at putting pressure on Captain Strasser. But there seems every chance the package will be revoked if the Government is dissatisfied with the way the trial is conducted.

The four men were named by the Foreign Office as Bui Vinh Ly, 24; Nhat Mui Ly, 50; Bui Hai Ly, 35, all of Vietnamese descent; and Kevin Law, 33, from Hong Kong.



India taps into 'the real thing'

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

Coca-Cola has arrived in Delhi, giving it a commercial beach-head in one of the few countries where the "real thing" was banned. Beefless McDonald's burgers are on the way, as are Kentucky Fried Chicken, Levi jeans and a stampede of other foreign businesses drooling over an untapped middle class almost as big as America's.

India's better-off are among the world's most deprived shoppers. Until now, imported goods have been limited largely to out-of-date electronic items. This is changing under an economic reform programme launched nearly three years ago.

Soon foreign cars, some assembled here, will pour into the country to the despair of the manufacturers of the lumbering Ambassador, which has maintained the same shape and basic technology for 50 years. The end of the car's virtual monopoly is at hand; like so much in India these days, it will be forced to modernise.

Coca-Cola is initially being sold only from Wimpy hamburger shops in Delhi. It is being manufactured in Agra, site of the Taj Mahal, and bottling will eventually be extended to the capital in a direct challenge to Indian soft-drink manufacturers. Delhi accounts for nearly a third of all soft-drink sales. Pepsi is advertising furiously to corner the youth market.

The foreign invasion is not yet on a spectacular scale, given the world's nervousness about India's stability, as well as foreign frustration with state-level corruption, obstructive bureaucrats, decrepit roads and unreliable telephones.

Few observers expect India to become an economic miracle soon. Nevertheless, overseas investment since protectionist barriers began falling in 1991 has outstripped the entire foreign investment for the previous 40 years. In the 1980s foreign direct investment was $100 million (£67 million) a year, but hit $1.4 billion in 1992. Export levels are poor but the world is discovering Indian textiles, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, leather products, gems and jewellery. The potential for foreign investors is breathtaking. India is the world's fifth largest economy.

Leading article, page 17



Nationalist threat replaces fear of ideological crusade



Kravchuk's disarmament deal does not end danger

The pan-European vision set out by President Clinton may represent the most desirable future but it is not the most likely one. Security must be rooted in everyday life, writes ***Lawrence Freedman***



THE security dilemmas facing the states of post-communist Eastern Europe have been described with the classic language of European grand strategy. The small states must enter into some form of alliance with the friendlier neighbourhood great power to gain protection against the more menacing. Ukraine is tempted to hold on to nuclear weapons so long as no one else will guarantee its security. Russia has to be convinced that there is not a determined attempt to encircle and isolate it.

All this makes Nato members feel uncomfortable, not so much because they do not recognise this type of discourse but because of fears of what can happen when European states start treating each other as potential enemies, and of how they might be drawn in.

The alternative language, propounded by President Clinton during his European tour, has sought to preserve a vision of a continent pulling together on the basis of shared values and interests. Thus the extension of Nato is not so much presented as a means of safeguarding small states against an external threat than integrating them into the broader Western political and economic system. The three states heading the list for eventual membership — Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic — are not those who are arguably most in need of alliance. Their qualifications are contiguity to the Nato area, the relatively reliable nature of their democratic institutions and the advanced state of their economic reforms.

According to this vision, security will follow naturally the consolidation of democratic and capitalist practices. The more intense military co-operations envisaged under the *Partnership for Peace* may be a necessary precursor to eventually joining Nato's command structure but it cannot be sufficient. That depends on these states reconstituting themselves in the West's image.

If they fail, however, the consequences are not liable to be felt in terms of the standard nightmares of traditional grand strategy — aggressive action by a local predator of a would-be hegemon. Rather they will manifest themselves in terms of social breakdown, deprivation and disorder.

Here we come to the most immediate threat to East European security. Academics at Brown University in America have recently completed an investigation of public attitudes and those of foreign policy specialist in a number of these countries, including Russia. They conclude: the public's chief insecurity is its fear about internal (not external) dangers, social and political disorder and especially economic threats. The public emphasises that these are security concerns. Regarding external dangers, the public feels more anxiety about four non-military threats — nuclear power stations, other environmental hazards, migrations of people, and crime — than about any military threat. They fear the consequences of internal upheavals in neighbouring states. They recognise that this might produce a self-sustaining rise in nationalism in the region which might produce clashes between states.

The investigators were struck by a widespread view that this "nationalism does not spring naturally from the people but comes mainly from manipulation by politicians". These public fears are echoed by the foreign policy specialists who fret that their political institutions are inadequate to cope with the demands of internal change. Thus security must be rooted in the conditions of everyday life. If so, then the pertinent policy questions for the West have as much to do with opening markets to goods from Eastern Europe as extending Nato membership.

Nato communiques can only address such problems obliquely. It is not only disheartening but also undiplomatic to start identifying likely failures in Eastern Europe. Instead the problems are rendered manageable through the expedient of a compelling rhetorical flourish. These documents habitually describe the future as a set of prizes for those who adopt the right policies, rather than as a series of struggles for those attempting to master desperate material conditions and unruly political forces.

All this may become clearer when Mr Clinton reaches Russia. His aides have been arguing among themselves over the right policies for Russia, as if the key decisions are for the Americans to make. President Yeltsin is caught between the economic catastrophe of paralysis and the political catastrophe of movement. Whatever he does, Russian society will become even more stressed, the state even weaker and nerves in the region even more frayed.

In Moscow, Mr Clinton will meet President Kravchuk of Ukraine, whose country is in even a worse mess than Russia, and with whom he believes he has cut a deal over nuclear disarmament. As the old Soviet missiles still planted in Ukrainian soil are pointed at the United States, Mr Clinton may see this as a net gain to American security, presuming that this agreement fares better than the countless comparable deals that have been struck in the past. However, Europeans may wonder at an accord which will make it possible to continue to run the civilian nuclear plants, which comprise the real Ukrainian nuclear threat to the continent: they are operated far more intensively than is prudent because Russian oil has become too expensive.

The pan-European vision set out this week by Mr Clinton may represent the most desirable future but it is not the most likely one. If Russia and Ukraine, in particular, fail to develop inner security then the resultant convulsions will pose demands on Western policy which have little to do with the traditional requirements of alliance.

Ukrainians dispute US claim that deal to scrap nuclear weapons is cut and dried

East Europe gets defence pledge from Clinton

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN PRAGUE

EASTERN European leaders gave lukewarm endorsement yesterday to Nato's American-inspired offer of closer military co-operation instead of immediate Nato membership. But President Clinton reassured them that, if an East European country were attacked by a future "expansionist" power — an apparent reference to possible developments in Russia — Nato would almost certainly intervene.

Pressed to say whether Nato would defend Eastern Europe, Mr Clinton said it was "doubtful" that Nato would fail to act. "That's right. I think ... our reading of history is correct."

He said neither he nor the leaders he had met thought such a threat was imminent, but added: "Of course, there are always concerns that a darker past might be re-created, and there could be expansionism again ... Maybe there will be a new line drawn again some day. If so, we would want to do what we can to support these nations".

After an unprecedented regional summit with the American leader, President Walesa of Poland, an outspoken critic of the American plan, *Partnership for Peace*, said tersely that it was a "step in the right direction", adding: "It's been decided by the powers of the world and we should try to make good use of this."

President Havel of the Czech Republic called the plan a "good point of departure" and said his country would strive to ensure that it led to full Nato membership. The presidents of Hungary and Slovakia remained silent at a post-summit appearance with Mr Clinton but did not dissent.

For his part, Mr Clinton denied that the plan was a "permanent holding room" for "second cousins". The question was no longer "whether Nato will take on new members but when and how", he said.

He also restated America's commitment to the security of the four states and argued that *Partnership for Peace* offered a chance for Europe's total reintegration while preserving the option of rapidly expanding the Nato security umbrella if Russia's reforms failed.

Mr Clinton suggested that the best way to enhance Central Europe's security and cement reforms was through more Western trade and investment and greater economic co-operation among the four states themselves.

The four had asked for immediate Nato membership to ally themselves firmly with the West and protect themselves against any revival of Russian imperialism. America resists full membership partly from fear of fuelling Russian paranoia about encirclement and so weakening President Yeltsin.

Mr Havel said he regarded the plan as a "first step" towards full membership not a "substitute", and hoped Prague would become a symbol of Europe's integration, just as Yalta was a symbol of its division. He pointedly added, however, that "we are independent states and decide ourselves our affiliations and our policies".

Last night Mr Clinton was stopping for two hours in Kiev on his way to Moscow to congratulate President Kravchuk of Ukraine on the agreement to dismantle the republic's 1,800 nuclear warheads, a step which the Americans announced with much fanfare during the Nato summit in Brussels on Monday.

However, Ukrainian government officials and politicians were widely quoted yesterday as saying that the agreement with America and Russia was not in fact complete. They suggested that, even were Mr Kravchuk able to sign it as scheduled in Moscow tomorrow, the hardline Ukrainian parliament might still reject it. White House officials travelling with President Clinton denied that he had announced the agreement prematurely to boost his first official trip to Europe. They said that the President had spoken by telephone to Mr Kravchuk while flying from Brussels to Prague on Tuesday afternoon and "we are confident that an agreement will be signed on Friday".

The officials said Mr Clinton's brief stop in Kiev was designed to build support for the agreement in Ukraine.

The visit, it was held, would undermine nationalist opposition by demonstrating that America was dealing with Ukraine as an independent state and not an adjunct of Russia. Mr Clinton would also offer the prospect of expanded commercial relations with Ukraine if the agreement were put into effect.



President Clinton visiting the Jewish cemetery in Prague yesterday after meeting East European leaders for a regional summit in the city



Walesa: plan is a step in the right direction



The slow-track alliance as seen by Ammer in Austria's *Wiener Zeitung*

An old admirer of city plays it again

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN PRAGUE

President Clinton spent barely 24 hours in Prague on his way to Kiev and Moscow. He visited the city last while studying at Oxford in 1970, but he made the most of his time and delighted the Czechs with his obvious love of their ancient capital.

Early yesterday he visited the city's Old Jewish Cemetery. Wearing a dark suit and yarmulka, he visited the Pinkas Synagogue where the names of the 77,297 Czech Jews who died in the Holocaust are being engraved on the walls. Accompanied only by a guide, Mr Clinton, whose mother died last week, then wandered silently through the cemetery's 12,000 headstones beneath which the dead are buried 12 deep.

The previous night Mr Clinton and President Havel had a formal meeting in Prague Castle before a night on the town. In front of cheering crowds, the two leaders strolled across the famous Charles Bridge and went to a pub where Mr Clinton was reunited with the elderly couple who had looked after him 24 years ago.

They spent an hour drinking with locals at a long table and eating big chunks of breaded veal. They then went on to a jazz club where about 75 artist friends of the playwright Czech President had gathered. Mr Clinton inevitably wound up playing the saxophone and received an ovation, but the evening was brought to a premature close when a firecracker exploded in the street.

Mr Clinton's secret service agents hurried him into his limousine, shielding him with bulletproof coats, and whisked him back to his hotel. To protect Mr Clinton, the Czech Interior Ministry had mounted what it called the largest security operation in the republic since the fall of communism, even sending divers into the freezing Vltava River before the presidents' walk across the bridge.

In Rotterdam Mr Clinton's supposed press conference jottings appeared in a Dutch newspaper yesterday together with a handwriting analysis of his character.

The handwriting indicates a personality that is strong, sharp-witted and very disciplined, but also inflexible at times, a pseudo-extrovert and one inclined to avoid a fight. That was the conclusion of two Dutch experts hired by the national daily *Algemeen Dagblad* to analyse notes left in Brussels.

Wanda Waisvisz said that she did not know to whom the sample belonged. "All we were told was that it was from an important man and had to be done fast."

According to the analysis: "There is a big difference between his personal and business lives. In his personal life, he is a bit dreamy, he has a feeling for drama and fantasy which is not always in line with reality."

Rifkind falls out of step over Bosnia air strikes

BY MICHAEL EVANS JOEL BRAND AND JAMES BONE

■ Nato's tougher language on Bosnia at its Brussels summit has brought conflicting responses within alliance governments, but appears to have the backing of the UN Secretary-General

NATO'S renewed threat of tactical air strikes in Bosnia appeared yesterday to have the blessing of Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General.

The tougher language of the Nato leaders at their summit in Brussels also brought one positive result when Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, indicated the 300 Canadian UN troops in Srebrenica could be replaced by a Dutch unit.

The rotation of troops, prevented by Serbs around the east Bosnian Muslim enclave, was one of the issues cited by John Major at the summit in support of his call for an extended use of tactical air cover.

However, there were conflicting responses within alliance governments yesterday to the summit's warning of air strikes. Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, appeared openly to disagree with the Prime Minister's unexpected initiative in Brussels, threatening air strikes if the Serbs continued to obstruct the Canadians in Srebrenica and prevent the opening of Tuzla airport in the north. Mr Rifkind said Britain was "not enthusiastic" about the policy of extending the threat of air strikes and Nato would have to show great caution. His remarks on BBC Radio's *Today* programme flew in the face of President Clinton's warning that the alliance had to follow up the tougher language with action.

He said of air strikes: "We are not enthusiastic about it because there have to be very special circumstances." However, it was Mr Major who set out the special circumstances in Brussels. Yesterday a senior British official said pointedly: "Mr Rifkind was not at the summit. The decision in Brussels has the Prime Minister's authority."

Mr Rifkind said the Canadians had also expressed great caution. But British government sources insisted that Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister, had agreed with the wording of the communiqué text on Bosnia.

The Nato move also caught UN Protection Force commanders in the former Yugoslavia by surprise. A spokesman at their headquarters at Zagreb in Croatia said: "We are still working out exactly where we stand in relation to this. The military are analysing it carefully."

Dr Boutros-Ghali has told Yasushi Akashi, the UN envoy for Yugoslavia, to advise him by next week on how to implement Nato's proposals for air strikes.

In Sarajevo, the Nato threats were met with bewilderment. Sanda Bogdanovic, a resident of the besieged city, asked: "Why would they do anything now? They could have done something last year, it is just more talking."

Major statement, page 10
Letters, page 17

Confusion in Moscow cools a big-power love affair

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

WHEN President Yeltsin met President Clinton for the first time in Vancouver last April, the American leader left him with an earnest handshake and the instruction: "Win, Boris, win". They are words he is unlikely to repeat in Moscow.

Mr Clinton's advisers have counselled him to downplay personal support for Mr Yeltsin, fearing that Washington may be caught out supporting a lame duck, as it did for too long with President Gorbachev.

Last year's battle between the two branches of power in Moscow was bitter and debilitating, but at least it was easily comprehensible. The Russian parliament and its hardline leadership, opposed to rapid reform and the Westernisation of Russia, faced a government doggedly promoting restructuring and the opening up of the country.

In the wake of the violent dissolution of the old legislature and the success of the far right in the country's first free parliamentary elections, those simplicities have been replaced by a shifting set of political relationships in which alliances, enmities and ideologies are no longer clear even to the Russian political elite, let alone to outsiders. Mr Clinton arrives in Moscow at a time when the Kremlin is deeply confused and divided over the reasons for the neo-Fascist surge and how to respond to it.

The messages from senior politicians about the future of economic reform are contradictory: Mr Yeltsin told the upper chamber of parliament, in its opening session this week, that they must muster their second wind for the reform task while Viktor Chernomyrdin, his Prime Minister, was telling the lower chamber that he would not allow "ill-considered leaps forward" and called for a "stage of stabilisation".

This uncertainty and the feeling in the Russian leadership that the success of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the extremist Liberal Democrat, means that the public want to see them "stand up to America" rather than nestle closer to it, will mean that Mr Clinton will receive a guarded welcome. Andrei Kozyrev, the Foreign Minister once lambasted by the hardliners as too pro-American, has gradually been hardening his tone on the need to defend Russian interests, the more so since Mr Zhirinovsky's success. Moscow sees this summit as the time to depart from the theme of post-Cold War reconciliation and Mr Kozyrev's insistent use of phrases like "absolutely equal basis" when talking about the meeting are intended to prevent enemies presenting the meeting as an "alms summit", a charge levelled after Vancouver when conservatives said that Mr Yeltsin had reduced the summit to an extended supplication.

Mr Zhirinovsky told Mr Clinton to stay at home and play his saxophone, a view shared by many Russians who no longer have faith in America to bail them out of their economic woes. "I don't believe that anyone expects much of America now," Aleksandr Konoloy, of Moscow's USA-Canada Institute, said. "The golden romantic era in Russian-American relations is over."

Even the liberal *Sevodnya* said yesterday that "American officials have recognised that they are not able to influence the development in Russia. They are now supporting Yeltsin in the name of global security interests, nothing more."

Ripples of Whitewater lap closer to Clintons

■ In a worst-case scenario, it would be impossible for Mr Clinton to continue in office if he were found guilty of criminal fraud while he was governor of Arkansas

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

GROWING controversy over the Arkansas property and financial dealings of President Clinton and his wife Hillary may not yet have reached Watergate proportions, but the affair has developed many of the features of the scandal that forced Richard Nixon out of the presidency 20 years ago.

As with Watergate, for instance, it now has a catch-all name: Whitewater. This was the tract of land bought by the Clintons in partnership with James McDougal, former head of the savings and loan institution now under investigation to determine if money was improperly pumped into Whitewater and Mr Clinton's re-election campaign when he was Governor of Arkansas.

Watergate began with the discovery of a Republican attempt to break into the offices of the Democratic Party and gradually ballooned into a vast conspiracy involving the Nixon White House. The scale of the scandal emerged slowly over months. With Whitewater, too, there is a drip, drip, drip of revelations.

So far there has been no emergence of a new Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the leading Watergate investigators on *The Washington Post*, but journalists are competing keenly to inherit the pair's mantle by being first with the latest plot twist.

The Nixon crowd tried to dismiss Watergate as a third-rate burglary. The Clinton White House initially brushed Whitewater aside as "old news". Both were wrong.

The Nixon downfall was caused not so much by the break-in, but by the subsequent illegal efforts by Nixon aides to cover up the extent of White House involvement. History seems to have taught the Clintons nothing. After Vincent Foster, the Clintons' personal lawyer, shot himself last summer, his Whitewater files were spirited away from his White House office by Bernard Nussbaum, a White House counsel. The files have now been passed to the Justice Department, but only under a cosy arrangement concocted by the White House that keeps their contents secret.

As the Watergate tapes showed, Mr Nixon and his senior aides were consumed by trying to decide how to deal with the gathering storm before it swamped them. Similarly now, Mr Clinton has a damage-control team led by Harold Ickes, newly arrived at the White House as Deputy Chief of Staff.

Mr Nixon sometimes wondered whether to "let it all hang out," but decided instead on a more cautious policy that became known as a "modified limited hang-out" to be orchestrated for the public by Ron Ziegler, his press secretary. Washington veterans detected a distinctly Ziegleresque echo in the claim by George Stephanopolous, one of Mr Clinton's closest confidants, that the decision to hand over the files taken in secret from Mr Foster's office without disclosing their contents was an example of coming clean.

"Deep Throat", the highly-placed and still unidentified Watergate source, advised Woodward and Bernstein to "follow the money"; signposting them towards a path that led to millions of dollars in laundered Nixon campaign funds. In the Whitewater affair, the money trail is still murky, but when Mr McDougal's company collapsed, taxpayers were left to pick up a bill for $50 million (£33.5 million).

In a worst-case scenario, it would be impossible for Mr Clinton to stay in office if found guilty of criminal fraud while he was Governor of Arkansas. Another reminder from the Watergate era is that Spiro Agnew was obliged to resign as Mr Nixon's Vice-President after pleading "no contest" to charges of tax evasion on bribes paid to him by contractors. Tellingly, the offences were committed while Mr Agnew was Governor of Maryland.

Perhaps the Clintons would do well to heed columnist Anna Quindlen in *The New York Times* yesterday: "If there's nothing to hide, let's lay all the nothing on the table."

Enquiry approved, page 1



How it ended: the Branch Davidian compound near Waco in flames at the end of the siege last April. At least 80 people perished in the fire

David Koresh told his Waco disciples 'you must be willing to kill for God'

BY BEN MACINTYRE IN SAN ANTONIO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PROSECUTORS told jurors yesterday that disciples of David Koresh opened fire on federal agents like an attacking army and had prepared for a giant fire so they would be "sucked up to heaven".

At the trial of 11 cult members charged with murdering four federal agents, Ray Jahn, the prosecutor, said he will prove that Koresh's group, the Branch Davidians, were engaging in "a massive arms build-up" that included hand grenades and other illegal weapons.

"David Koresh told these people his name was 'Death'," Mr Jahn said. "If you want to die for God, you must be willing to kill for God."

Four agents of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and at least six cult members, died in the shootout that erupted when government forces attempted to storm the heavily-fortified compound outside Waco, Texas, occupied by Koresh, a self-proclaimed messiah, and his followers last February. Koresh and at least 80 members of the sect, including 25 Britons and more than two dozen children, perished when the compound burned to the ground at the end of a 51-day siege.

Opening arguments in the trial began yesterday, which was moved from Waco to San Antonio because of the massive publicity surrounding the case. Prosecutors claim that the cult amassed 11 tons of firearms, ammunition and explosives and planned to wage a "holy war" against the government under the guidance of Koresh, a high school drop-out with a taste for guns, rock music and doomsday prophesy.

The outcome of the trial is far from certain, clouded by the incompetence of the various government agencies involved, the destruction of most of the physical evidence and rank confusion over who shot whom.

For example, only one of the British defendants, Renos Avraam, a 29-year-old computer programmer from London, was actually inside the building when the fire broke out. He escaped by leaping from a top-floor window. The other two Britons charged, Norman Allison and Livingston Fagan, were already in custody at the time.



How it began: a federal agent on the compound roof at the start of the bungled raid that led to the siege

The defendants, all of whom face life imprisonment if convicted, insist that the government used brutal and excessive force and claim to have been acting in self-defence when more than 100 armed federal agents converged on the compound at dawn on February 28 last year. Among the 140 witnesses who may give evidence in a trial expected to last at least three months are Janet Reno, the Attorney General, Stephen Higgins, who resigned as ATF Director just before the most damaging official reports were released, and William Sessions, former head of the FBI.

With five prosecutors and 16 defence lawyers clamouring to be heard, Judge Walter Smith has laid down strict rules on the type of evidence that can be presented to the jury of eight men and four women, selected from a pool of 80 potential jurors amid tight security earlier this week. The defence will not, for the moment, be permitted to refer to two highly critical official reports into the episode, which concluded that ATF agents had lied to their superiors, doctored documents and mishandled the initial assault. However, the judge ruled that the words "cult" and "compound" could be used by the prosecution, despite defence claims that these terms have prejudicial connotations. Lawyers can also refer to the "Mighty Men", the elite cabal of Koresh's henchmen that allegedly trained disciples and enforced discipline. Prosecutors were banned from referring in opening arguments to allegations of child sex abuse made against Koresh.

There are already claims that the jury is tainted. One juror, a Roman Catholic nun, has admitted to having "negative feelings" about cults. Another has said she believed that only policemen should be allowed to own firearms.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israelis lose senior officer in air crash

Jerusalem: The Israeli military establishment was in a state of shock yesterday after one of the country's most senior officers was killed in a helicopter crash north of Jerusalem (Richard Beeston writes). Major General Nehemiah Tamari was the head of central command.

His death could have a direct impact on the Israel-PLO "land for peace" talks since he was responsible for control of the 1.2 million Palestinians in the West Bank, including Jericho.

Envoy leaves

Khartoum: Britain's ambassador to Sudan, Peter Streams, left Khartoum yesterday, one day before a government deadline. His expulsion followed a row over a visit to rebel-held southern Sudan by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev George Carey. *(Reuter)*

Embassy shots

Tehran: Several shots were fired at the British embassy compound here but nobody was hurt. Last November, attacks on the French embassy were blamed on Iraq's Mujahidin. *(Reuter)*

Base attacked

Srinagar: Kashmiri militants have killed nine Indian soldiers in an attack on a radar station in Jammu and Kashmir, the first known attack on a military base in four years of rebellion. *(Reuter)*

Smoke alarm

Sydney: Health officials warned Sydney residents with chronic heart or lung diseases to stay indoors as bush fires left a blanket of smoke over the city and sent pollution levels soaring. *(Reuter)*

Hunt widens

Berlin: Police raided neo-Nazi haunts to find three skinheads who carved a swastika on the face of a girl, 17, in a wheelchair. The attack occurred in Halle, 100 miles southwest of here. *(Reuter)*

Rebels shift

Rangoon: The leader of Burma's Karen ethnic minority rebels, General Bo Mya, has decided to hold peace talks with the Burmese junta to try to end a war for autonomy that has lasted more than 40 years. *(Reuter)*

Fiji leader

Suva: Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, the former Fijian Prime Minister, has been appointed President after the death of Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau from leukaemia. *(Reuter)*

De Klerk exploits personality cult to woo more black voters

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN PRETORIA AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A PRESIDENTIAL roadshow, capitalising on the personality of President de Klerk, will get under way next week as the main element of the ruling National Party's election campaign. The party will also make an effort to win more black votes.

The party announced yesterday that Mr de Klerk will visit each of the nine new provinces before the end of March to drum up support from grass-roots voters. He plans two tours around Johannesburg and Pretoria, and two to the Western Cape, where the Nats have their best chance of beating the African National Congress.

"He is one of the most important assets of the party.



ELECTION COUNTDOWN

and we will project him as such," said Chris Fismer, Mr de Klerk's political adviser. The party will also project Mr de Klerk to a broader public in a "through the eyes of the media" offensive.

The United Nations yesterday spelt out plans to send almost 1,800 observers to ensure that the first multi-racial elections are free and fair.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, said the first 500 monitors should be deployed by March and that another 1,278 should be sent by April 27. The first 500 will monitor the campaign, the behaviour of the electoral commission, the media and the security forces. The remainder will watch the 10,000 polling stations.

The National Party's campaign will start on February 2 and 3. A federal party congress will meet to launch the party's manifesto. The congress is expected to endorse the candidates and a new constitution.

Olaus van Zyl, the party's campaign manager, admitted that they were far behind the ANC in garnering the black vote, but declared that it was "not ridiculous" to consider that the 100 days of campaigning left could see it building itself into the largest party in parliament.

South Africa witnessed its bloodiest year of political violence in 1993 with 4,364 people killed, according to figures released by the Human Rights Commission.

The worst-hit area was Natal, with the East Rand township belt near Johannesburg second.

A peace group yesterday demanded that Britain cancel a visit by two warships. Peace Visions accused Britain of using the calls to sell military hardware and equipment.

Neighbour heard wife of Bobbitt screaming

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A NEIGHBOUR of John and Lorena Bobbitt gave evidence yesterday that he heard them having sexual intercourse and a woman's screams of pain on the morning Mr Bobbitt's penis was cut off.

Mike Dibble added: "She would scream out every few seconds."

Mrs Bobbitt, 24, an Ecuadorean-born manicurist, says she cut off her husband's penis with a kitchen knife after he sexually assaulted her. Mr Bobbitt, 26, was acquitted last year of that charge. He gave evidence on Monday on the first day of her trial for assault that he was too exhausted to have sexual intercourse when he returned early that morning from a night out.

Under cross-examination by Paul B. Ebert, the prosecutor, Mr Dibble acknowledged that he did not report the screaming to the police until after he had talked about it on national television.

Mr Ebert also asked Mr Dibble whether his girlfriend screamed during intercourse. "On occasion," Mr Dibble replied. "Would she scream loud enough for other people to hear?" Mr Dibble replied: "I wouldn't know."

Dr Sue Inman gave evidence that Mr Bobbitt laughed at his wife when she complained of respiratory problems during a visit to the doctor. "I thought it was unusual he was laughing at her for being sick," she said.

She added that Mrs Bobbitt had also complained that her husband forced her to have intercourse but that she was not beaten.

Will someone call while you're out?

If someone does, you need to know your home is safe and secure. And as intruders use more sophisticated techniques, conventional alarms have simply become out-of-date. Which is why you should safeguard your home with EXTRAWATCH security

At the heart of this latest technology is a 24 hour a day monitoring system manned by security professionals. They know immediately your alarm is activated



They check first that it is a genuine call. And if necessary they alert the relevant emergency service. It's a fast, effective response from a system that is simple for you to operate

Included with EXTRAWATCH security are infra-red movement detectors, panic button, multi-zone control and a 112 decibel siren. All this for just £395 fully installed and just £4.95 per week to cover monitoring, full maintenance, parts and labour, and unlimited 24 hour emergency call out.

Don't wait for an intruder to call on you, call EXTRAWATCH FREE on 0800 525484 or fill in the coupon

PHONE FREE NOW

0800 525484

24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK OR POST THIS COUPON TODAY

Subject to Status.

COMPLETE HOME SECURITY

£395

· FULLY INSTALLED ·

Please send me my free Extrawatch Home Security Information Pack immediately

Name

Home Tel

Work Tel

Address

Postcode

Post free no stamp needed to TM12 Extrawatch Security Systems FREEPOST, Salford M5 3GL

EXTRAWATCH SECURITY SYSTEMS

Spymaster to expose Jackal's tracks

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

Intimate details about Carlos, one of the world's most wanted terrorists, are likely to emerge at the Berlin trial of Colonel Helmut Voigt, 51, a former Stasi secret police officer.

Colonel Voigt was East Germany's key liaison officer with the terror group round Carlos (The Jackal), who lives in Syria, and the Red Army Faction. At his trial, which began yesterday, he is accused of being an accomplice to murder for helping to supply about 50 lb of explosives to terrorists led by Carlos. The explosives were used to blow up the French cultural centre in West Berlin on August 23, 1983, killing one man and wounding 23.

German investigators have have established that Captain Voigt was involved in the weapons training of West German terrorists in a remote Stasi hideout near the Polish border. This training enabled the Red Army Faction to stage an attack against General Frederick Kroesen, an American, using a sophisticated anti-personnel weapon.

Colonel Voigt was also in charge of giving fugitive West German terrorists new identity papers and moving them to safe havens within East Germany. But as he was not breaking East German law at the time, Colonel Voigt cannot be tried on charges of rendering aid to a terrorist group.

The Berlin prosecutor believes, however, that he has a good chance of jailing Colonel Voigt for his part in the bombing of the French building. Colonel Voigt's defence will be to show that the bombing was not planned by East Berlin but by Carlos, whose real name is Ilyich Ramirez Sánchez. That is likely to be highly embarrassing for Syria while yielding new information about the life of Carlos. The high level of Syrian protection for Carlos is also likely to emerge. Prosecution documents show the key figure in looking after the explosives used in the bombing now works in the Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister's office.

Although Bonn would appear to have a strong case for demanding the extradiction of Carlos, there seems to be no great enthusiasm. German intelligence discovered a year ago that Carlos is living in a compound of a paratroops' barracks in Damascus, but coupled with the fact that Germany is not pressing the case, the Syrians are not being very co-operative; many quiet compromises were made in the 1980s to protect Bonn's relationships in the Middle East.

Colonel Voigt denies that he knew about the bombing and, to avoid a long jail sentence, seems ready to reveal uncomfortable facts about Syrian involvement in the terrorist movement.

A trial in New York reveals Wild Bill and the Pirate as greying pussycats

The Angels are just old softies

The greasy tenement at 77 East Third Street is dark and menacing, as befits the headquarters of the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club of New York City. Rats rustle in the dustbins, as they do all over this part of the East Village. The steel door between two pillars has a painting of a winged death's head surrounded by flames. Alongside is a sign saying: "I never thought freedom was cheap."

The statement has turned out to be prophetic, since for the next month the Hell's Angels will be paying some very expensive lawyers' bills to stop the Government confiscating their six-storey clubhouse.

As one of the most bizarre cases ever seen in Manhattan's Federal courts opened this week, the public benches were filled with hairy, leather-clad men. The Government put its case against the Angels, saying the clubhouse should be forfeited because it had been used for illegal drug dealing in the early 1980s.

This left the Hell's Angels defence team in the embarrassing position of claiming their clients were sweet as pie, nice family people who just happen to like big bikes. "The media hype about them has been exaggerated," said Nina Ginsberg, one of their attorneys.



Wild bunch? There is still a hardcore of Hell's Angels, but many are now middle-aged men with paunches

Looking at the members of the New York chapter studding the public benches, there was the sudden realisation that the defence may be telling the truth, that the Angels are now pussycats. Not one of the leather-waistcoated men looked under 40 years old: some were balding, others quite grey, and almost all were rather overweight and wore spectacles. These years are the twilight of the New York Hell's Angels, and this trial is a glimpse of the past.

Twenty years ago, the main defendant, Sandy Alexander, was president of the hardest, most evil-looking Hell's Angels chapter on the East Coast. Eighteen guys rode out from New York with him on their Harley-Davidsons with their silencers ripped off, trailing a wave of terror and awe. They dealt big time in methamphetamine — known as speed or "crank" to the Angels. But about ten years ago, the group began to argue, the drug-dealing largely stopped, and many of the members scattered across America or formed "Nomad chapters" of bikers.

Soon after that, in May 1985, the FBI simultaneously raided Hell's Angels' clubhouses across America as the culmination of Operation Rough Rider. The New York chapter was busted, and 11 of its members — including Mr Alexander — were arrested on drugs charges. But a commercial quantity of drugs was never found inside the East Third Street tenement.

The case swings on the fact that the law changed in 1984 to allow the Government to confiscate property used in criminal dealings, and the defence is claiming that by then the building was no longer used for drug production or dealing.

UNDERSTANDABLY, the Hell's Angels are not keen to lose their building, which includes a clubroom and several flats for members' families and is probably worth $1 million.

Unusually, for a civil trial here, members of the jury have not been named, and one even submitted a psychiatric report to be exempted. "This juror is fearful," said the judge. But looking at Mr Alexander now, what could there be to fear? He is a man who wants to keep his home. He has served eight years in prison for running a drug ring, and now he is slumped in a woolly jumper on the defence bench, his grey hair pulled back in a ponytail.

A number of Mr Alexander's original band have become supergrasses, and over the next month there will be evidence from the likes of "Wild Bill", "Gorilla" and "Pirate", names which hardly suit their middle-aged owners.

The hardcore remains of the chapter loyally filling the benches went out for lunch on the first day of the trial. They headed morosely for a pizza parlour, and the customers hardly blinked at their purple or red shirts and insignia. There was a macho moment when one Angel poured a jar of dried chillis on his slice, and scoffed it bravely.

After the trial stopped for the day, the crowd headed out, hoping to see the lads don helmets and roar off on 1,000cc bikes. Instead, they climbed into a minivan, which limped off down the road.

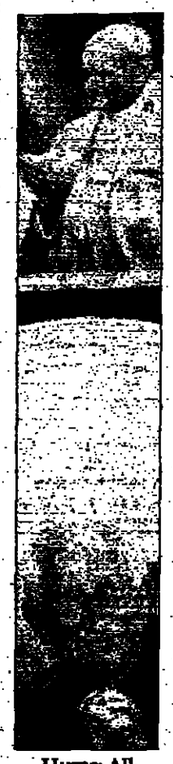
KATE MUIR

The power and the glory

Converts tell what made them switch to the Catholic church

One evening near Christmas, 30 years ago, John Wilkins wandered into Westminster Cathedral, where he witnessed High Mass. "I stumbled across this extraordinary piece of theatre. It was spellbinding," he says. "When I went out of that cathedral I was already a Roman Catholic by desire."

A few years later, Mr Wilkins, who had been brought with a low-church background, converted to Catholicism. Today he is the editor of *The Tablet*, the Catholic weekly. As a noncomformist, Mr Wilkins had an indefinable sense of loss. "I always felt there was a hole in the middle. The Anglican Church is very ethereal, but Catholicism is very earthy. It has the very present reality of the Mass. I felt this was a real church, a community."



Hume: All Anglicans welcome

Ever since the Reformation, Catholicism has been viewed by most Britons with suspicion as the religion of bells and smells, mumbo jumbo, crooked Italian cardinals and shambolic Irish priests. Nonetheless, there has been a steady trickle of two-way traffic between the churches. Alec Guinness, Graham Greene, Edith Sitwell and Gary Cooper are among the better known Catholic converts.

Since the Church of England decided to ordain women priests, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, Ann Widdecombe, the Employment Minister, and Dr Graham Leonard, the former Bishop of London, have converted or plan to. Two hundred Anglican priests have also declared that they intend to leave.

As a cousin by marriage of the Defender of the Faith, the Duchess of Kent is the most sensational convert yet. Cardinal Hume has insisted that the ordination of women has nothing to do with her choice. "She has felt more at home in the Catholic church," he said yesterday.

There are persistent rumours that the Princess of Wales is also considering a conversion. So what is it about Catholicism that attracts people? Paulinus Barnes, the news editor of *The Universe*, the larger circulation Catholic weekly, says: "Many people find the air of certainty about the Catholic church attractive — the idea that it offers a strict set of rules and rituals. They also like the idea that its roots go right back to the beginning of Christianity and the feeling that whether you are in Scotland or Papua New Guinea, you will find the same church."

According to Father Michael Seed, a Franciscan Friar, who converted from Baptism when he was 18, a sincere conversion cannot be rationalised. He compares the experience to falling in love: "You make that leap of faith and know it's right for you."

His conversion came after a miserable childhood. "My mother committed suicide when I was a child and my father died 18 months later of brain cancer. I was brought up essentially as an orphan and at times I was hopeless. The turning for me was a turning to hope in life through God. It wasn't based on arrogance or triumphalism, or even on theology."

Canon John Oates, the rector of St Bride's Church, in Fleet Street, was brought up a Catholic and became a Protestant after the death of his mother. "We choose our church according to our culture and background and all sorts of things," he says. "My spiritual home is with Anglicanism. It is where I feel happy, but it is also with God. He loves us all, whatever our labels."

Some Catholics fear that Anglicans who chose the Church of Rome for purely doctrinal reasons may be disappointed.

"There are Catholics who believe in the ordination of married men and some who believe in the ordination of women," says Mr Barnes. "It won't happen in the foreseeable future but things might change. Joining the Catholic Church to shelter from reality is a mistake. One theologian likened it to somebody booking a passage on the Titanic, because it was unsinkable."

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

A voice for the lost man

Ben Macintyre meets the defender of the confused modern male



BERNARD GOTFRYD

Garrison Keillor: "Men are expected to bake a cherry pie, go play basketball ... and then go and lift them bales"

The middle-aged American male is a baffled and embattled creature as he staggers into the last decade of the century. Beset by accusations of insensitivity, tortured by the conflicting demands of women, determined to be a New Man, a Good Father, strong but understanding, vulnerable and emotional but resolutely manly, he is, of course, thoroughly confused.

To his aid comes Garrison Keillor, America's prairie philosopher and humourist, with *The Book of Guys*, published in Britain this week, a collection of stories in which the confusions of modern masculinity are sympathetically satirised and scrutinised.

For more than 15 years Keillor has broadcast about (and primarily to) the American Midwest. His radio show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, a mixture of wit and whimsy, guest singers and comedy, is heard by nearly two million Americans every week: *Lake Wobegon Days*, his account of a fictional Minnesota town, sold millions and established Keillor as one of the funniest men in America, yet *The Book of Guys*, while just as amusing as his previous works, has a sombre edge to it and behind the jokes is a man (who has himself just cleared the 50 mark), trying to explain just how hellish it is to be a regular guy these days.

Garrison Keillor was in St Paul, Minnesota, this week, recording *A Prairie Home Companion*. "Women don't decorate our lives any more," he rumbles. "They are intent on expanding their own opportunities to be miserable, by going into law and business and becoming as corrupt as men." He pauses, a large, round-faced man in a rumpled jumper, then sets off again. "Men of my age were brought up to adore women, and to psychologically stand up when one entered a room. It is disconcerting to open a door for a woman and have her walk through... (pause) ... and then stiff you."

In *The Book of Guys* Keillor lays out the problem: "Back when our gender was running on all eight cylinders, women died for the love of us, eg Carmen stabbed to death, Butterfly self-stabbed, Tosca self-hurled from parapet, Brünnhilde self-burned ... Now women watch us and monitor our conversation for signs of bad attitude, they grade us daily, and boys, we are in the wrong class. Men can never be feminists."

Keillor has no intention of sounding the first blast of the trumpet against the monstrous regiment of feminists. On the contrary, he believes women are rather better at running the world than men. The practical superiority of the female sex is a result of discrimination. *Girls*, he writes, "were allowed to play in the house, where the books were and the adults, and boys were sent outdoors like livestock. Boys ran around in the yard with toy guns ... while girls stayed inside and played with dolls, creating complex family groups and learning to solve problems through negotiation and role playing".

> There is no mistaking a middle-aged man who has had enough of doing as he is told

The first of the 21 stories in *The Book of Guys* is a parody of male-bonding in which a group of men ("desperate low-lifers who will tell you a long story for a five-dollar loan, guys who everything unfortunate has happened to") meet in a freezing forest to drink too much, slap each other on the back, spit, embrace, cry and sing solipsistic *Country and Western* laments. And celebrate the absence of women.

Keillor himself admits to attending one such all-male get-together, and enjoying himself. "I liked it. The raging fire. The dark sky and bitter, bitter cold, and whisky, and men, the smell of men. Smell of oil and leather." A long pause. "We told stories."

That is what Keillor does best, story-telling that is bizarre and fanciful, if sometimes insubstantial. His humour is like that of the barroom raconteur, hilarious at the time but hard to recall the next day.

The best tales in this latest collection range include "The Mid-life Crisis of Dionysus", when the good-time God realises with a jolt that he has turned 50 and his liver, libido and hair are giving out, and "Al Denny", about a man who becomes so successful after writing a self-help book, *Rebirthing The Me You Used to Be*, that he cannot remember his own address and mislays his family somewhere in the middle of America.

The character in the book with whom he identifies most closely, says twice-married Keillor, is Lonesome Shorty, a cowboy who forsakes the smelly range, moves to town and buys a set of fine china and new curtains. He can't settle down. Shorty is depressed, he robs a bank, and finally dies among the shards of his broken dinner service.

Keillor professes surprise at how seriously his book has been received. But ironic as he may be, there is no mistaking a man in middle-age who has had enough of doing what he is told, or being told what he does is unacceptable.

"I think the great change was when we came off the fields and out of the woods. I'm not sure men made the transition successfully," he says, nodding his large head in the direction of the snow-covered plains where he was born and raised.

This may not be great anthropology, but it will provide a little solace to the modern man who finds, in Keillor's words, he is expected to "bake a cherry pie, go play basketball, come home, make melon balls and whip up a great souffle, converse easily about intimate matters, participate in recreational weeping, laugh, hug, be vulnerable, be passionate in a skilful way, and the next day go off and lift them bales into that barge and tote it".

● *The Book of Guys by Garrison Keillor was published on Monday by Faber (£14.99).*

Getaway Breaks- Off Peak Rates

AVAILABLE UNTIL 10th FEBRUARY



3 NIGHT BREAK FROM

£95

PER PERSON INCLUDING BREAKFAST AND 3-COURSE DINNER

3 NIGHTS £95

Alveo Hart Hotel, Andover; Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke; The Clarence, Bradford; The Palace Hotel, Buxton; The Ivy Bush Royal, Carmarthen; Buckinghams Forte Hotel, Crewe/Nantwich; Chase Hotel, Coventry; Coventry Hill Hotel, Coventry; The Imperial, Exmouth/Barnstaple; St. James Hotel, Grimsby; The Crown, Harrogate; Constable Country Hotel, Ipswich; St. George's Hotel, Liverpool; The Strader Park, Llanelli; The Metropole, Padstow; The Royal Hotel, Scarborough; The Dolphin, Southampton; Caddlard, Hotel, Swindon; The Golford, Worcester.

3 NIGHTS £99-£116

The New England Hotel, Bourne; The Round House, Bournemouth; The Dudley Hotel, Brighton & Hove; The Suffolk, Bury St. Edmunds; The Grange, Crawley; The Phoenix Hotel, Dunbar; The Carrick Hotel, Glasgow; The Duke's Head, King's Lynn; The Lotus Grosvenor Hotel, Luton; The Blue Bull, Maldon; The Marine, North Berwick; The Palace, Paignton; Soup Hotel, Parkgate/Wirral; The Royal George, Perth; The Atholl Palace, Pitlochry; Peppers Head Hotel, Portsmouth; Quy, Marine Hotel, Ramsgate; The Crown Hotel, Scarborough; Lion-and-Rose House Hotel, Sheffield; The Shrewsbury Hotel, Shrewsbury; The Polygon, Southampton; The Prince of Wales, Southport; The Bedford, Tavistock; Wood Hop Pub, Tewkesbury; The Boundary Hotel, Walsall; Birmingham; The Homestead Court Hotel, Welwyn Garden City; The King's Head, Wenborne Minster.

3 NIGHTS £117

Forte Posthouse, Basingstoke; Forte Posthouse, Croydon; Forte Posthouse, Edenbridge; Forte Posthouse, Grantham; Forte Posthouse, Leeds/Selby; Forte Posthouse, Newcastle-under-Lyme; Forte Posthouse, Southampton; Forte Posthouse, Taunton.

3 NIGHTS £122-£138

The Bradenell Aldeburgh; Forte Posthouse, Alveston; Whitehall Banbury; Forte Crest, Bellam; The Chancery Hotel, Canterbury; Hotel de la Bere, Cheltenham; The Four Marys Hotel, Dunmow; Forte Posthouse, Dewsdale/Ashbourne; Forte Crest, Dublin (IR); The Green Dragon, Hereford; Manor House Hotel, Leamington Spa; Forte Posthouse, Lincoln; The New Bute Hotel, Matlock Bath; The Ascot Hotel, Maidenhead/Stradbrook; Forte Posthouse, Newbury/Reading; Forte Posthouse, Peterborough; The Raddington Arms, Penbridge; Post to Grape Hotel, Redditch/Leicestershire; Forte Posthouse, Runcorn; The George, Rye; The White Hart, Salisbury; Bear at Rudbor ugh Strand, Forte Crest, Swindon; The Belfield, Windermere.

3 NIGHTS £142-£177

The Francis, Bath; Forte Crest, Birmingham; Forte Crest, Brighouse; Forte Grand Queens, Cheltenham; Post to Grape Hotel, Chester; Forte Crest, Gatwick Airport; The Grove, Gloucester; Forte Crest, Guildford; Forte Crest Hall, The Swan, Lavenham; The White Hart, Lincoln; The White Swan, Stratford-upon-Avon; Forte Crest, Thurrock Manor, Stratford-upon-Avon; The Old England, Windermere.

3 NIGHTS £186-£237

Forte Grand Edinburgh, Edinburgh; Forte Grand Westbury, London; Lavigne Hotel, Oxford; Forte Grand Resort, St. Andrews; The Ettington Park, Stratford-upon-Avon.

FORTE Leisure Breaks

If you are interested in this great offer from Forte, you may also be interested to know that the new 1994 Forte Leisure Breaks brochure is now available and contains many new features such as: • LOW SEASON PRICING • B&B AT MANY HOTELS • ONE NIGHT STAYS • BARGAIN BREAKS.

TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT OR CALL

0345 40 40 40

BY 16TH JANUARY 1994 QUOTING REFERENCE G176007

Offer available until 10th February 1994. Single occupancy available at hotels marked†. If you book eight of your stays is a Sunday, you will receive 50% off the third night at Forte Grand hotels. For dinner at Forte Posthouse you will be offered a choice from the full restaurant menu.

All hotel bookings subject to availability with a limited number of rooms at reduced rates. Offer valid only on hotels listed above and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. All prices are for 3 nights per person based on 2 adults sharing a twin or double room. Up to 2 children under 16 may free when sharing a room with 2 adults at all hotels subject to availability in a suitable room. Breaks must be completed by 10th February 1994.

THE TIMES

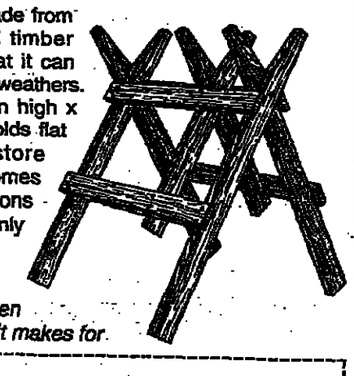
READER OFFER

LOG FIRM £32.95 inc p&p



With winter here, there is ample opportunity to clear out dead wood from trees and cut logs for fires. Ideal for this task is this log firm which will hold branches and tree trunks up to 6ft long or 8in thick even when both hands are required for a chain saw.

The log firm is made from pressure treated timber which means that it can be left out in all weathers. It measures 35in high x 32in wide and folds flat so is easy to store and transport. It comes flat-packed with easy to follow instructions for assembly. All holes are pre-drilled, only a screw-driver is required.



Remember to follow the makers instructions when using a chainsaw. When using a bow saw keep the blade sharp. It makes for safer and easier cutting.

HOW TO ORDER

Cranleigh (0483) 268888 for enquiries and 24-hour credit card service OR Fill in the coupon quoting your Access/Visa number, or send with crossed cheque/postal orders. NO CASH please to: THE TIMES LOG FIRM OFFER, J.E.M. HOUSE, LITTLE MEAD, CRANLEIGH, SURREY GU6 8ND. We deliver to addresses in the UK only. Please allow 28 days for delivery from receipt of order. Return within 7 days for refund if not completely satisfied. Offer subject to availability.

Please send me: _____ Log Firm(s) @ £32.95 each inc p&p

I enclose a crossed cheque/PO (address on back please) value £_____ made payable to THE TIMES LOG FIRM OFFER

Or debit my Access/Visa account with the sum of £_____ (no cash please).

My card number is: (Delete as appropriate) ACCESS VISA

Expiry date

Mr/Mrs/Miss: _____ INITIALS _____ PLEASE PRINT

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Signature: _____ Daytime Tel. No. _____

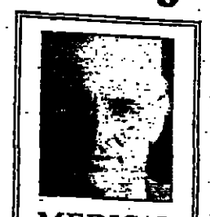
Send to: THE TIMES LOG FIRM OFFER J.E.M. House, Littlemead, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8ND.

Please tick this box if you do not wish to receive future offers from The Times or companies approved by them.

TIMES029

The pain of a design fault . . . the link between asthma and runny noses . . . caffeine and pregnancy

Skiing into a knee injury



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE walking wounded are returning from the ski slopes. Beautifully tanned but on crutches and legs either wrapped in plaster, or supported by the scaffolding of a space-age brace. Their immediate task is to find an expert used to dealing with winter sports injuries.

The most common injuries caused by skiing involve the knee. The knee represents a design fault in the human anatomy, for the entire weight of the body has to be transmitted through it. The knee is only held together by ligaments which join the femur, the thigh bone, to the tibia, the larger of the two bones in the lower leg. The joint is as vulnerable as it is important.

The damage is usually done when the skier comes to grief — and a sudden halt — but the ski bindings fail to release. At this time, the knee suffers a twisting insult, and is wrung rather as a chicken's neck. The anterior cruciate ligament, one of the strap-like ligaments which binds the femur to the tibia, all too readily snaps. As it breaks, the patient suffers acute pain, can feel the tendon crack, and may even hear a tearing noise as it gives way.

The pain immediately restricts movement, for the joint buckles as a combined result of the instability following the snapping of the tendon, and the pain induced by bleeding into the joint cavity.

The ski resort doctor will probably arrange an X-ray to exclude bony injuries, and will usually aspirate (suck out) the blood from the joint cavity before applying a brace or plaster. The patient will be prescribed pain-killers for the journey home.



Twisting a knee while skiing is like wringing a chicken's neck

Once back in Britain, an accurate diagnosis must be made as soon as possible, for the cruciate ligament is not the only possible soft tissue injury. The lateral or medial ligaments may also have been torn, or there may be damage to the cartilages within the knee. Usually patients will attend a local orthopaedic clinic, but in west London, the Lister Hospital, which is not in the NHS, runs a 24-hour service for returning skiers.

An orthopaedic surgeon will decide if the patient needs physiotherapy, with a review in two to four weeks time, or needs immediate arthroscopy, an examination under general anaesthetic, of the inside of the knee with an illuminated endoscope.

Ten per cent of cartilage injuries diagnosed can be repaired, and in the other cases, the torn portion of the cartilage can be removed arthroscopically. Later, scar tissue forms, in a similar shape to the removed cartilage, which partly compensates for the loss.

Those patients with torn anterior cruciate ligaments will be made comfortable by the fitting of a brace for three to four weeks, during which time any swelling within the joint may settle. The surgeon will then reconstruct the torn ligament, either by raiding the biceps tendon from the back of the knee, or more often the patella tendon from in front. Artificial carbon fibre materials are now less fashionable, and are rarely employed.

Six weeks after the initial injury, and following the surgery and post-operative physiotherapy, crutches and brace can be discarded, although a stick may be necessary for a few days until the developing muscles stabilise the still wobbly joint. Within four to six months, the patient can run again, and a year later, will be able to enjoy contact sports.

Instant limit



FOR generations, doctors have regarded caffeine with some suspicion. And certainly, any potential insomniac should not have coffee later than lunchtime. At other times, coffee has been blamed for causing cancer of the pancreas, a charge not substantiated, and there are conflicting reports on its effect on the heart.

Coffee has never previously been blamed for causing miscarriages, but a recent study reported in *the Journal of The American Medical Association* quotes statistics gathered from more than 300 women who have had a miscarriage, and nearly 1,000 women who had a normal pregnancy, and acted as controls. The research suggests that the equivalent of three cups of instant coffee a day in the first three months of pregnancy can double the chance of a miscarriage, and that even in the last five months, five cups, or their equivalent, can induce early delivery. Allowance was made for caffeine derived from sources other than coffee, and other possible confounding factors, such as smoking, were also discounted.

Until there is confirmatory evidence, it would seem unnecessarily harsh to ask pregnant women to forgo the pleasure of a cup of coffee, but they would be well advised to restrict their intake. One cup mid-morning should preserve both their sleep and baby.

Out of puff



ONE asthmatic patient is grateful to the diagnostic powers of a police force's breathalyser. The patient had always suffered from a recurrently runny nose, rhinitis. Trouble could be induced by a wide range of allergens, including mature carrot. One night, driving home after a good dinner, he was stopped, but blow as hard as he could, he was unable to work the portable breathalyser. The driver was therefore taken to the police station, where there is a more sensitive instrument which can be operated by anyone, however short of breath. He passed, by a comfortable margin, but the test had shown that although he didn't know it, he suffered from asthma, as well as allergenic rhinitis.

Recently, Dr Glenis Scadding, a consultant at the Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital, north London, told GPs that a survey of the records of more than 1,000 patients had shown that 50 per cent of those who suffered from a runny nose as a result of allergies also had asthma, and 88 per cent of asthmatics had some rhinitis.

Dr Scadding said that there was a good case for early treatment of childhood rhinitis, which usually precedes the asthma, by sniffing anti-inflammatory drugs. Effective treatment might, in her opinion, prevent some of the cases from later developing asthma.

Treating both asthma and rhinitis at the same time needs some care as patients using steroid inhalants for asthma, and intranasal steroid sniffers for allergic rhinitis were receiving a double dose of the drugs. Dr Scadding therefore encouraged patients to exhale through the nose after their anti-asthma inhalant, in the hope that the nasal mucosa would be treated at the same time.

May I examine your dream?

Doctors can learn a great deal about illness by taking nightmares into account, says **Dr James Le Fanu**

In contrast to the arcane world of Freudian dream interpretation, current medical theories on the purpose of dreaming tend to be reductionist and unimaginative. Dreams are "auditory and visual hallucinations induced by signals from the brain stem" or "designed to reinforce memories stored during waking life" or "like a computer 'dumping' unwanted programmes, a means of forgetting useless information". Yet for doctors with the time and interest to enquire, dreams can provide fascinating insights into the lives of patients and their experience of illness.

Indeed, dreams, and particularly the emotional stress of nightmares can actually precipitate episodes of migraine, asthma and even heart attacks. Dr Harold Levitan of Montreal has studied 23 migraine sufferers who developed their headaches at night and found "the outstanding feature of the dreams, culminating in migraine, was a powerful negative effect". He cites a typical example: "I was in a shipwreck . . . many people were drowning. As I swam away, I looked back and saw the others were being eaten by sea monsters . . . it was very scary. Then I woke with a terrific throbbing headache."

Similarly, acute asthmatic attacks with narrowing of the airways have been shown to be strongly related to emotional dreams. And a distinguishing feature of patients with peptic ulcers is that intense dreams increase the secretion of gastric acid, eroding the stomach lining.

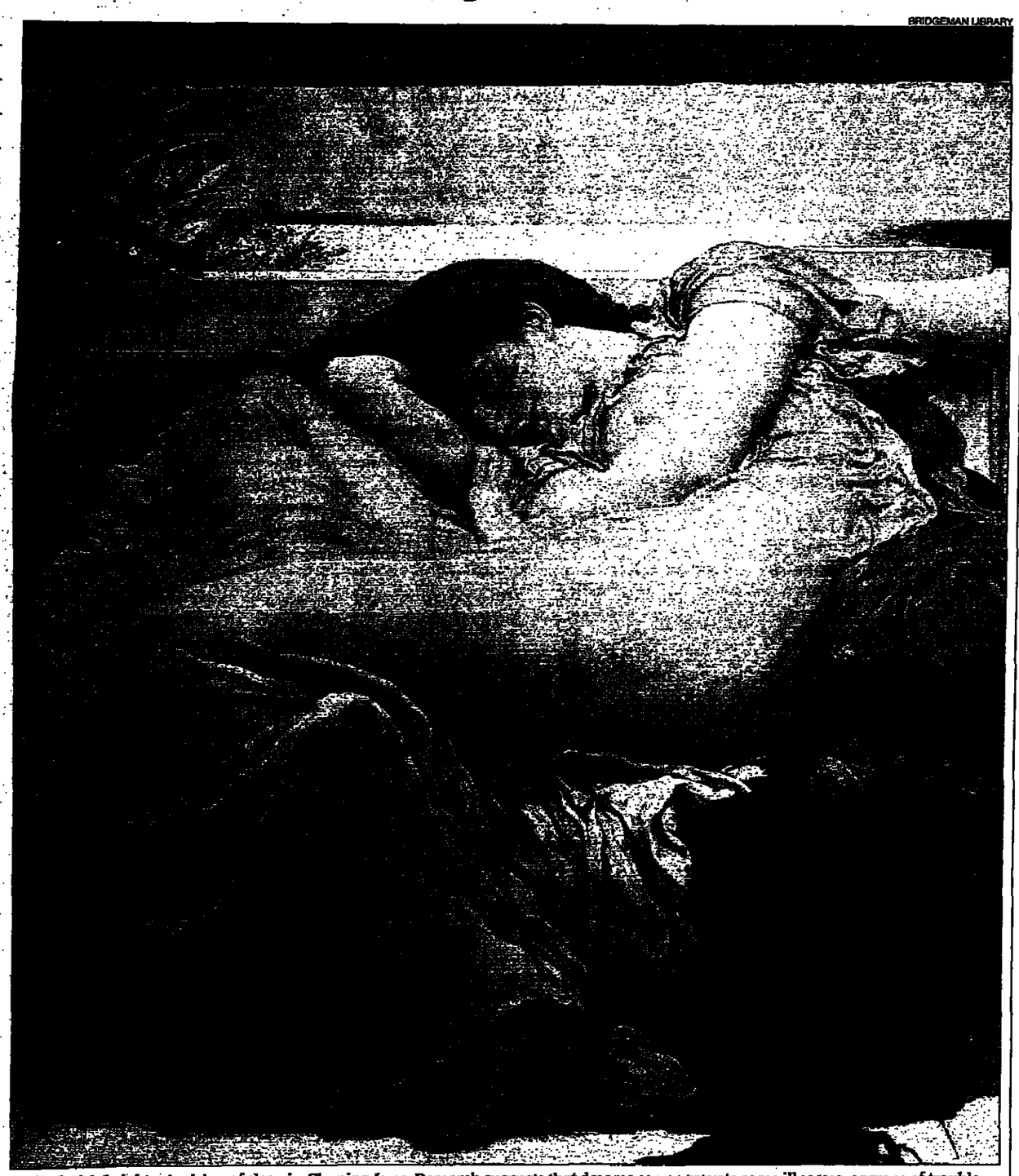
Dr Daniel Schneider, a New York psychotherapist, has described the dream of a 45-year-old man that ended in a coronary. He was about to give a violin concert before a glamorous audience. "I came out to tremendous applause," he said. "I bow and the hush deepens. I turn towards my violin case and take out — not a violin but a gangster-style machine gun and swiftly put the muzzle to my mouth, and, rat-tat-tat, I blow my brains out." He awoke with a severe crushing chest pain and on admission to hospital was found to have had a severe heart attack.

Dr Robert Smith, a psychiatrist at the University of Rochester, New York, has found that dreamers can equally reflect the severity of physical illness. He studied the dreams of 214 patients admitted to a cardiac unit for references to death featuring graveyards, wills and funerals. The greater the degree of cardiac disability, the more often were these death-related dreams reported, suggesting that they were in some subtle way warning the patients of their prognosis.

Alternatively, dreams can contribute to the distress of illness. At least some of the despair of those with early dementing illnesses can be attributed to the dismal nature of their dreams, which symbolically focus on lost resources: wandering in a strange place, looking for help, being left behind or losing something familiar. The emotions, reported Kenneth Altshuler, a New York psychiatrist, induced not a feeling of fear but rather "a vague sense of apprehension, increasingly helplessness or strangeness". As the dementia progresses, these dreams become stereotyped and endlessly repeated.

By contrast, the dreams of young people struck by some devastating misfortune such as paraplegia are notable for strong elements of denial and wish fulfilment and are characterised by energetic physical activity, "expressing a reluctance to give up their former body image".

BRIDGEMAN LIBRARY



Frederick Leighton's vision of sleep in *Flaming June*. Research suggests that dreams can aggravate some illnesses, or warn of trouble

Many paraplegics, though invariably impotent and denied the pleasures of sexual enjoyment, report dreams which culminate in the full sensation of orgasm. This observation demonstrates how cerebral eroticism plays a central role in sexual gratification quite independent of the sensations in the genital region.

Changes in dream content can equally reflect an acceptance of disability. Dr Larry Burd, of the University of North Dakota, describes the case of a 35-year-old man who lost both forearms after an accident sawing logs. He had initial difficulties in adjustment, and particularly expressing physical affection to his wife and children. "He then reported he knew the time he had accepted his amputation because he began to dream of himself with hook hands."

Another group in whom changes in dream content are significant are transexuals undergoing sex change operations. Dr Vamik Volkan, professor of psychiatry at the University of Virginia, describes a man who after the operation to remove his penis "dreamed he was a young man fighting others aggressively with sticks. He then threw his stick away and turned a corner, opening his arms and saying 'Come to me'. His feeling was that he expected gentleness from the unknown others".

As a fascinating study of the serial dreams of a man terminally ill with cancer of the colon reveals, the doctor prepared to listen to dreams can gain a rare insight into a patient's state of mind. The dreams start with the typical "frustration" type, with the dreamer trying but failing to get into his surgeon's office, even though late for an appointment, and move on while being treated with chemotherapy to dreams of being "tortured and battered about by several people who were supposed to be my friends".

These are followed by premonitions of the end, "a shadowy figure stands by my bedside. He leads me out of the hospital to a place I've never been before. He is somehow very comforting". Lastly, he dreams it is all over. "My friends are enjoying themselves and I put on a record but they cannot see me. It is as if I am a ghost. The record ends but the turntable keeps spinning. I shout 'It's all over, turn it off' but they cannot hear me".

SWEET DREAMS: HOW TO SLEEP WELL

IN A BMA publication *ABC of Sleep Disorders* Dr Colin Espie, clinical psychologist at the University of Glasgow, provides advice for those with insomnia.

It starts with elementary "sleep hygiene":

- Exercise — late afternoon or early evening is best. Avoid exercise near bedtime.
- Diet — snacks before bed-time should be light and fluid intake limited.
- Caffeine — intake of coffee, tea and "cola" should be moderated.
- Alcohol — regular use as an hypnotic disrupts sleep pattern; a hot milky drink is preferable.
- Environment — room temperature should be about 65F.

To establish an optimal sleeping pattern:

1. Go to bed only when you are "sleepy tired".
2. Put the light out immediately you retire.
3. If you are not asleep within 20 minutes, get up and sit in another room until you are "sleepy tired".
4. Do not take recovery sleep for previous bad nights.
5. Follow the programme rigidly for several weeks.

Finally he gives advice on two main impediments to sleep:

- Tension — practise a relaxation routine when in bed: concentrate on breathing. Rehearse subvocally "in" and "out" respiration; tense and relax major muscle groups in turn — arms, neck and shoulders, face and eyes, stomach and back, legs.
- Intrusive thoughts — state to yourself that sleep "will come when it is ready" and "relaxing in bed is almost as good". Try to keep your eyes opened in a darkened room and as they (naturally) try to close tell yourself to "resist just for another few seconds". This procedure "tempts" sleep to take over. Visualise a pleasing scene or repeat a semantically neutral word (such as "the") subvocally every few seconds.

Starvation rations

Hospitals are failing to feed patients properly, reports **Martyn Halle**

Two years after a King's Fund working party reported on the risk of malnutrition in hospital patients, there is little sign of improvement. A survey published in *Hospital Doctor* last week found that, of over 1,000 doctors questioned, only 25 per cent said their hospital had clearly laid down nutritional standards, as the Fund's report, *A Positive Approach to Nutrition as Treatment*, recommended.

"We used to think that a seriously ill patient needed very little in the way of nutrition because he was lying on his back and not active," says Dr David Silk, a consultant in gastroenterology at the Central Middlesex Hospital, in London, who was a member of the Fund's working party. But advances in the understanding of metabolism and how it burns up energy have provided a new insight into how the body repairs itself.

"We now know that in cases of serious injury or illness the body goes into a sort of overdrive and burns energy at a faster rate, so that a patient lying in a hospital bed might need as much as somebody going out to work every day.

"An intravenous fluid drip, containing glucose, will be able to provide a patient with only about 400 calories a day, whereas they probably need at least 2,000."

Dr Silk explained how a previously healthy and well-nourished person can succumb to malnutrition. "You might have a 25-year-old man involved in a road accident suffering from multiple trauma. He has two broken legs, an intestinal injury and a ruptured spleen. He also has peritonitis caused by his damaged spleen.

"Right from the start his body is moving to counteract any infection and to begin the healing process, his body starts working at what we call a catabolic rate, which involves the burning of any surplus tissue as energy. Almost right away, the muscles begin to waste and he starts losing weight.

"If he is left for more than a few days, he could begin to become seriously malnourished. He needs food straight away. If a doctor is aware of the situation he will provide additional food supplement via a drip because of his intestinal injury. If tissue is burned up without being replaced, the patient's immune system is weakened.

"Patients then begin to develop chest and other infections which can become life threatening. Sometimes patients get to such a malnourished state that it is almost impossible to arrest the situation."

> Seriously ill or injured patients need 2,000 calories a day

A 50-year-old cancer patient, recovering from major abdominal surgery might become seriously malnourished within 10 days of his operation, he said.

A recent study by doctors at Ninewells Hospital in Dundee found that 40 per cent of the 500 patients surveyed were malnourished and had actually lost weight while in hospital.

"The results were quite staggering," says Dr Chris Pennington, a consultant gastroenterologist at Ninewells.

He believes there will be more complications and deaths until doctors and other health workers understand the need to keep patients well fed in hospital. "Patients can be fed through a tube inserted straight into the stomach or through a tube via the nose. For those who are seriously ill we can give them infusions straight into the vein." Special nutritionally balanced liquid feeds are also available for those unable to take solids.

"But nutrition isn't taught as part of a doctor's medical training and so its role in aiding recovery is often not recognised," he said. A healthy person who doesn't eat might take two months to starve to death. But someone who has been in a serious accident or undergone major surgery might only have a matter of weeks to live if not properly fed.

ADVERTISEMENT

IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME?

If you suffer bowel problems such as constipation, irregular diarrhoea, stomach cramps, excessive wind and symptoms aggravated by food, you should know about a new book *The Irritable Bowel Syndrome Self Help Guide*.

The book contains comprehensive information on the bowel . . . how it functions, what can go wrong, how the author feels it can best be treated and how to protect yourself from Irritable Bowel Syndrome. The author gives you his specific advice on what causes IBS and how to relieve embarrassing symptoms without drugs.

This book tells you about alternative or natural remedies and how they work. The author shares with you techniques that can help bring fast relief when a problem arises. And he identifies common foods, which he feels should be avoided at all costs.

You'll discover how the digestive system works and what you should eat to restore regular habits. The book covers actual case histories of men and women who suffered Irritable Bowel Syndrome problems and how they were able to overcome them.

Many people are putting up with troublesome bowel symptoms because they are unaware of all the treatments on offer and the welcome relief that is now available.

Get all the facts. Order *The Irritable Bowel Syndrome Self Help Guide today*. This book is being made available direct from the publishers for only £9.95 *which includes handling and despatch*.

To order send name, address and book title with payment (cheque or Visa/Access) to the publishers — Carnell Ltd, Dept. IB197, Alresford, nr. Colchester, Essex CO7 8AP, allowing up to 21 days for delivery. You can return the book at any time for a full refund if not completely satisfied.

Janet Daley



■ The Tories are hamstrung between the certainties of the 1950s and the amorality of the 1960s

John Major pined for the 1950s, and he has got what he wanted. What could be more reminiscent of that decade than an epidemic of hole-in-corner adultery cases, pompous philanderers and devious hypocrisy? How quaint it all seems: sneaking around, keeping up appearances, being caught in the act. Until a genuine tragedy served to sober everybody up, it was all looking too Rattigan-esque for words. All of that, as I recall, was what the 1960s *set out to demolish*.

In the 1960s, we decided that dishonesty was the only sin. All that was needed was openness and truthfulness: to cheat and deceive was the great crime. Even young children would understand why their parents no longer wanted to live together if it was fully explained. It was a *while before it became clear* that not everyone was playing this game with an equally strong hand, and that children could not be turned into adults simply by talking to them as if they were grown-up.

This social experiment was carried out rather in the spirit of those *18th-century philosophers* who dismantled all the axioms of knowledge in order to see what was really indispensable. Like them, we were quickly reduced to talking nonsense. Stripping away all the old moral assumptions and certainties was supposed to reveal what really mattered. What was left when all *the props were* gone seemed like "love", but was actually pleasure of the most transitory kind. Being truthful meant that you could be openly exploitative and unapologetically ruthless.

All those "repressive" social structures which we flushed down the toilet had in fact been protecting the vulnerable from becoming sexual fodder for the egotistical. Being free did not mean being good: it meant being bad without guilt. The dogma of the 1960s — that there were no absolute rules and that all the fixities of social life were simply barriers to self-fulfilment — is now thought to be in disrepute. In fact, it has been deeply absorbed into the body politic and the social attitudes of all classes.

Mr Major's difficulties with "back to basics" seem to me a perfect example of a collision between this entrenched 1960s philosophy and attempts to restore the old ethic. The trouble is that the traditional way of seeing things has been rendered almost impossible: we are trying to read the old map with a new set of spectacles. What the Prime Minister and some of his more outspoken colleagues correctly sensed was that there was much disillusionment (*and not only among Conservative voters*) with the nihilism to which Sixties amorality had led.

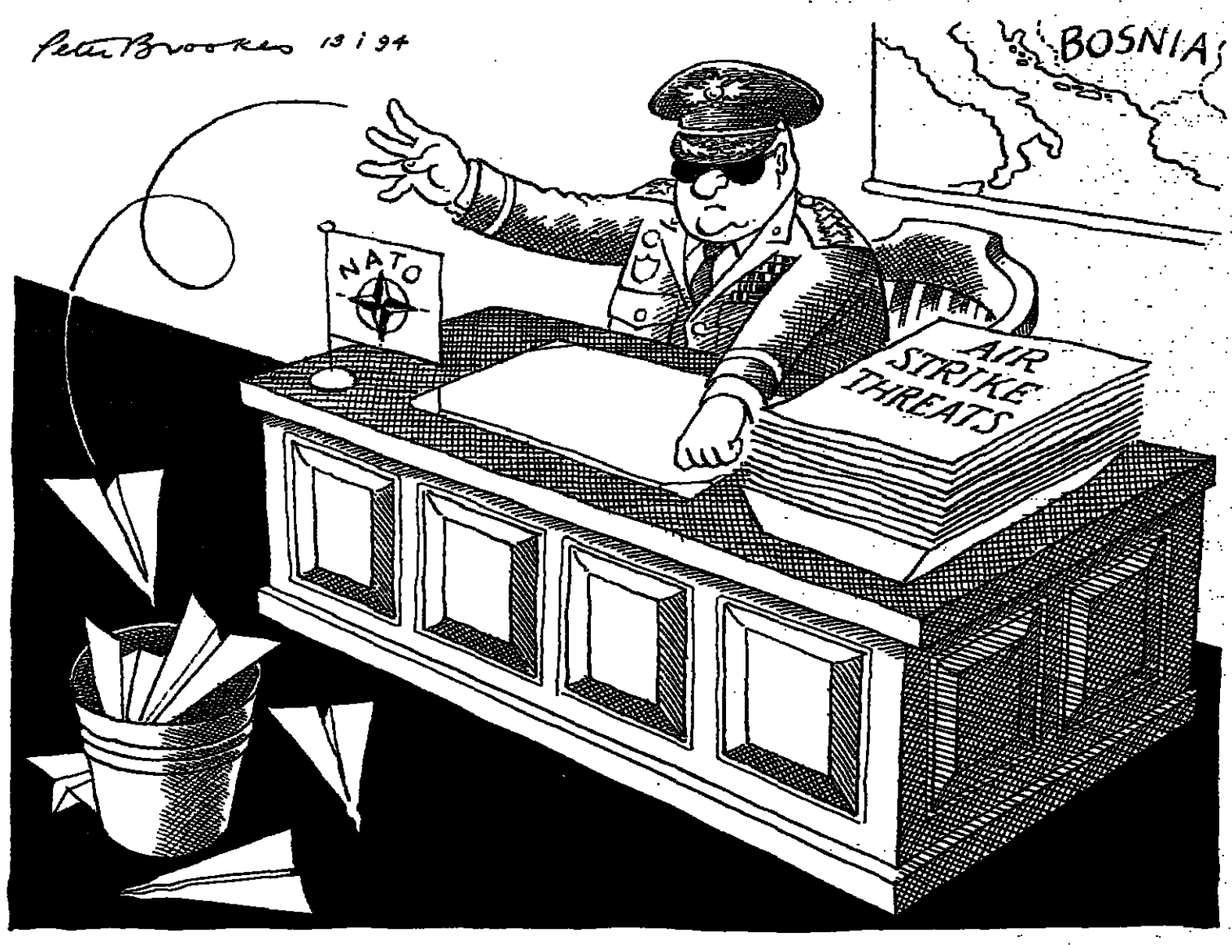
People seemed to be yearning for a return to some fixed points, for a restoration of *certainty*. But to revive the old rules required a kind of innocence *which could not be summoned up by an act of will*. To get certainty, you need more than the desire for it. You cannot patch together a set of moral principles out of pragmatic need or nostalgic preference and expect them to have the sacrosanct quality of unquestionable truth. Any attempt to do that looks, as "back to basics" looks, like shifty opportunism. Especially when politicians lose their nerve at the the first whiff of grapeshot, and waver incoherently between a commitment to openness — very Sixties — and a desire for a strict 1950s moral code, with all its attendant hypocrisy.

The received wisdom of the moment has it that the Government has come unstuck because politicians should not talk about morality at all. Some of this antipathy goes back to Oliver Cromwell, who gave all political leadership on morality a bad name. The memory of Puritanism (*and its* revival in the 19th century) causes the influential classes to react with manic frivolity whenever moral values are mentioned: never have I heard so many London intellectuals *sniggering like* 18th-century aristocrats at the prejudices of the common herd. Ministers are accused of "pandering" to vulgar narrow-mindedness.

> The crucial hypocrisy is in public, not private, affairs

This seems absurd to me. Government is now so intrusive that its decisions about social policy have inevitable moral consequences: what kind of behaviour we want to reward or discourage has much to do with the mandate *that voters give to a* particular party. For politicians to respond to what they rightly perceive as public disquiet is not populism — it is democracy. It is quite right that we should know what views are held by governments and opposition parties, so that we can judge what actions they are likely to take.

Which brings me to the hypocrisy that matters: the discrepancy between what is offered by the Government's rhetoric ("family values") and its actual policies, which attack the family. In its practical proposals, Mr Major's Government is stuck firmly in the 1960s: loading *the tax system* against the single-breadwinner family, refusing to tax households with children differently from those without, and creating "no-fault" divorce which makes marriages even easier to dissolve. What we really need are politicians who live up to their professed morality, *not necessarily in their* private lives, but in their public actions.



A Catholic could be king

The monarchy must be legally free follow the Duchess of Kent

William Rees-Mogg

Only a few years ago, the Christian churches saw themselves as competitors with each other, and either *lamented or rejoiced in conversions*, as though each convert to their church was a goal scored by the home team. This attitude has not completely disappeared, but it has become much rarer. Now the churches tend to see themselves as alternative ways of making the same spiritual journey, and recognise that a particular person may be helped more by one church than another. This is the way that both George Carey, as Archbishop of Canterbury, and Basil Hume, as Archbishop of Westminster, have reacted to the Duchess of Kent's decision to become a Roman Catholic. It is a spiritual decision for her to make, and she has decided what is right for her.

Nevertheless, her conversion does have a significance beyond her personal choice. It is a welcome declaration of religious freedom. The royal family, alone of all the families in Britain, is subject to a religious test, imposed by the Act of Settlement, 1701. That Act, which has been *amended from time to time, still lays* down that no Roman Catholic can become monarch, nor can anyone who marries a Roman Catholic. The Duchess of Kent is not affected, since she is not herself in line for the throne. Her husband and children are remote heirs, but they are not affected either, because the Act of Settlement prohibits Roman Catholic marriages but does not attempt to *prohibit spouses becoming Roman* Catholics. In law, this conversion makes no difference to the succession, but it does strengthen the liberty of conscience of the whole royal family.

The royal family has in the past been closer to the Roman Catholic church than the Duchess of Kent takes it. Since the Elizabethan Settlement, but before the Act of Settlement, Queen Henrietta Maria, the wife of Charles I, was a Roman Catholic; her mother's family, the Medicis, were a papal family. Her sons, Charles II and James II, followed her religion. Charles II returned to it only on his deathbed, but James II lost his throne for it.

In the years after the Act of Settlement, George IV, the *Prince Regent, married Mrs Fitz*herbert, a Roman Catholic widow; her marriage was valid in ecclesiastical but not in British law. There is a persistent rumour that King Edward VII became a Roman Catholic on his deathbed; he was certainly very sympathetic to the Roman church.

The royal and religious functions are so close, particularly under the British constitution, that members of the royal family are likely to be drawn towards a religious view of life. The Queen's Christmas broadcast was an admirable lay sermon, and showed the depth of her religious interest. Once people think about religion in a serious way, they start a spiritual journey which will lead them to their own understanding of truth. Each individual will follow that journey to his or her own particular destination, as the Duchess of Kent has done.

Her decision is significant in terms of the Church of England. She did not make it because of the issue of women priests. It was the result of years of reading and prayer, and was made on broad grounds. Yet the question which faced her also faces many Anglo-Catholics. For liberals and Protestants, the Church of England may still be home. But for *many devout Anglo-Catholics*, it has become an increasingly uncomfortable place, and the Catholic church, with its historic authority, now seems a more natural home. The issue of women priests may be a trigger to their concern, but the concern was there before that issue arose.

There is also a feeling among many Anglicans — not just among Anglo-Catholics — that the Church of England has lost its spiritual vitality. All the British institutions, the monarchy, Parliament, the Church of England, have of course been reduced by the change in Britain's position in the world.

No member of the royal family in her generation has played the role with a greater sense of duty than the Duchess of Kent. Four women of her *generation, the Queen, the Duchess*, Princess Margaret and her sister-in-law, Princess Alexandra, have set admirable examples of duty and honour. Her religious decision will therefore have a wider influence. In 1714, the House of Hanover came to the throne because they were the Protestant family nearest to the hereditary succession. In 1994 the House of Windsor can no longer be seen as some sort of Protestant anchor for the Church of England. That is offensive, but it is also ridiculous. It is not what the royal family exists for; there are millions who are loyal to the Queen who are very far from being Protestant Christians.

The Act of Settlement would not now stand a determined assault. If Prince Charles wanted to become a Roman Catholic, which he does not, the Government could not enforce the Act of Settle*ment to prevent him* coming to the throne. Such an act of religious discrimination would contravene the whole spirit of the age. Even those who are republicans would be outraged by such intolerance. The Catholic communities of the Commonwealth would also be outraged, and the Catholic community in Britain, a significant religious minority, would not like it either. It *is now no more possible to enforce a* law that the crown of England should not pass to a Roman Catholic than it would be to enforce a colour bar. The discrimination is too divisive and offensive.

This raises a question for the Government. In Australia, there is going to be a referendum on whether to become a republic; in Canada there may be a referendum on whether Quebec should remain in the federation. Both of these countries have large Catholic communities. The constitutional position of the British monarchy is one thing seen in the light of historic loyalties and origins, but quite another if it is seen in terms of ancient religious disputes. The Act of Settlement has become an embar*rassment. It is unenforceable in* Britain, and a weapon in the hands of the opponents of the Crown connection in Australia and Canada. Yet the Prime Minister is bound to feel that an attempt to repeal its discriminatory features would create all sorts of political difficulties. It would be *almost as difficult to amend the Act* of Settlement as to reform the House of Lords.

Probably the wisest course would be for John Major to invite the three major parties in Britain to make a joint declaration that they regard the religious discrimination clauses in the Act of Settlement as obsolete, and that whichever was then in power would take whatever steps were necessary to abolish them, should the situation ever arise. Religious toleration requires nothing less. But the difficulty of Commonwealth-wide constitutional legislation makes it hard to go further, particularly when there is no sign of a Catholic heir. If Prince William should eventually choose to marry a Roman Catholic, that would not in fact stop him in due course succeeding to the throne.

Yet it is the personal witness of the Duchess of Kent which is most valuable at the present time. Many people, including public figures, *have lost their sense of values. They* are scrabbling around for short-term gains, sexual or financial. Without faith, it is only too easy to lead the life of *Vanity Fair*. That is the message of the current scandals. The Duchess of Kent has taken a difficult and thoroughly considered decision about something which really does matter.

For the Catholic, God is the *fountain of grace, and the Catholic* church is the agency through which that grace is received. The church is not the sole agency, for God gives his grace freely, but it does have special authority. The Duchess of Kent's decision is concerned with the effect of God's grace on the life of the spirit. This is the issue which has dominated the lives of the saints. It is the issue for which the Christian martyrs have died — for which Thomas Cranmer died as well as Thomas More, though they decided it differently.

We can all be grateful to the Duchess of Kent because she is dealing with real questions, and not with what all religions regard as the superficial illusions of life. The royal family is at its strongest when it is seen as the anchor, not of a particular church or sect, but of the religious view of life itself. To that the Duchess of Kent is giving her witness.

Time to consent to change

Edwina Currie says homosexual law is unjust and counterproductive

If politicians have learnt anything *recently it is not to moralise* about other people's behaviour. No doubt many colleagues, along with the public, deplore the whole idea of homosexuality. That doesn't mean we should ban it. We cannot simply write our personal moral attitudes into a law which applies blindly to everybody. It doesn't work, anyway, and that sets the worst example of all for our young people. They soon get the idea that they can ignore great chunks of other law, too.

The argument for changing the law to reduce the age of consent for gay men from the present age of 21 can be put in a more pragmatic way. In a free society, the onus is on those who discriminate to explain its practical benefits. For example, we all want to shield youngsters — boys and girls — from predatory adults. Yet if a boy wished, today, to make a complaint about an unwanted homosexual approach, he would think twice about telling the authorities — for it would be *he* who was questioned, and he might well face charges himself. So the current law acts not to protect but to enforce silence. Who would seek help in these circumstances?

We faced a dilemma in the Department of Health in the mid-1980s when we needed to warn young gay men of the mortal dangers of promiscuity. Talking to them about safe sex, we realised, meant asking *health workers to seek out boys who* were seriously breaking the law. We decided to go ahead anyway, for safety's sake: if our Aids death figures are now lower than everyone predicted, that wise decision takes the credit. How much easier, and more effective, if criminality was not at issue.

We should be clear that "consent" means exactly that. If consent is withheld, then sex is illegal. In recent years, to my relief, it has been accepted that when a woman says no, she is entitled to be taken at her word. The same applies to young men too. Then there is the pressure that can come from an older person or one in a position of authority. That happens when young girls are involved as well: homosexuals have no monopoly on unpleasant behaviour. But it's against the law, and will rightly stay that way.

The House of Commons might prefer to reduce the age of consent to *18* rather than 16. This has a neat air *of compromise, and would reduce the* discrimination against many gay men: a substantial net gain. But it would not be just, and it would not stick. The position is illogical. How could anyone accept that a young man of 17 is capable of giving informed consent if he falls for a girl — to the point where he can marry — but not if his inclinations are the other way? By the time I was 16, I knew that I liked boys, and nothing whatever has ever dissuaded me since. My gay friends say the same. All the medical evidence suggests that sexuality is settled quite young, certainly before 18.

Some people will never accept that for many people homosexuality is a way of life. Isn't it a disease which should be wiped out? *Shouldn't we be taking every step to* avoid further infection, particularly of the young? That is the assumption underlying all our institutions, including the criminal law, which forbids all homosexual acts under the age of 21, even though both parties — long since old enough to vote, or join the forces, or sleep with a girl — have given informed consent.

I was astonished to discover that *the Commons had never seriously de*bated change since the Sexual Offence Act of 1967 made homosexuality legal in England and Wales. Scotland did not follow until 1980, and it was banned in Ulster until 1982.

Here is an outmoded law which touches, at the most conservative estimate, a million of our fellow citizens who are gay. Such men pay their taxes and hold down jobs; their *ranks have included distinguished* actors, composers, writers and artists, soldiers and politicians. They run banks and businesses at the highest level. Yet on this one topic, their personal judgment is regarded as dangerous: the State decides who they may and may not love. Surely this is, and always has been, absolute nonsense.

Most countries have equal ages of consent, often lower than ours. In Italy it is 14; in Holland, Greece, France, Poland and Sweden it is 15, in Norway, Belgium, Portugal and Switzerland, 16. The German government has announced that it will introduce equal-age legislation, and the Irish government did so successfully last spring, at 17. In none of these sober, intelligent countries did the dire events transpire which have been predicted for Britain.

Parliament is at its best when it faces a clear issue of conscience. The welfare and human rights of a large *group of our voters are at* stake. I have always sought equality and respect in my own life. I will now vote for equality for others, and hope for a clear result to carry this country forward.

The author is Conservative MP for Derbyshire South.

Bruiser for Brussels

ESSEX Conservatives have little love for Brussels. Their search for a candidate to stand in the county's new seat in June's European elections took them initially to the Chingford polecat, Lord Tebbit, who alas gave them a firm "no". Now they have gone one better, by asking Tebbit's long-serving and similarly Euro-sceptical secretary, Beryl Goldsmith OBE. But for Goldsmith, known as "the Margaret Rutherford of Parliament" and renowned for her trenchant views, the offer comes too late.

"The offer was informal," insists *the redoubtable Goldsmith*. "I used to be on the candidates' list, and I was flattered. But if I had wanted to put my head over the parapet, it would have been many *years ago*." Nor does the jetsetting lifestyle of an MEP tempt her. "It's a helluva life. All that flying hither and thither and living out of a suitcase — it's not for me."

Her boss fully understands. "She would have been a very good MP or MEP. But I think she feels that the time has gone by," says Tebbit. So that leaves Sir Teddy Taylor — arch-sceptic and Tory Member for Southend. "He's definitely interested," says an aide. And if formally selected, he'll ask Baroness Thatcher to canvass for him. Something else to keep Sir Norman Fowler awake at nights.

Literary heavyweight

THE MARKET for political memoirs may be saturated, but Andrew Hargreaves, Tory MP for Birmingham Hall Green, is committing *his Westminster experiences to* paper in the certain knowledge that he has something rather different to offer.

For Hargreaves, a weight-train*ing Old Etonian who once em*ployed a "gladiator" named Bullit as his researcher, is writing a novel that will make some of the events currently enlivening politics look *positively dull. It draws, says Har*greaves, on body-building, Westminster and steroid abuse.

The research process has been perilous, and included an occasion on which Hargreaves found his head being thrust through the wall of an Essex gym.

"I was threatened, beaten up and assaulted, and then threatened again," he says. "I have frequent recourse to speak to the security people at Westminster, and am writing, if you like, a fictional account of my experiences." Let's hope he survives to tell the tale.

DIARY

In tune

THE *chorally-minded* Duchess of Kent could not have asked for a more suitable New Year concert programme with the Bach Choir, following her decision to move to Rome. For within weeks of her conversion ceremony tomorrow, she will be packing gargle and throat lozenges to travel with the choir to New Zealand for a performance of motets by William Byrd, the staunchly Catholic composer to Elizabeth I's Protestant court.

On her return, the Duchess — who has sung with the choir for at least a decade — will plunge straight into weekly rehearsals for *The Dream of Gerontius*, Elgar's notoriously Catholic work with words by Cardinal Newman, who himself converted from the Church of England. Sir David Willcocks, *musical director of the Bach Choir*, says the choice of works, though coincidental, is most appropriate. "I feel sure that she will be very moved by *The Dream of Gerontius*. Yes, undoubtedly so."

Plain and simple

BARE white walls, a plain white rug and a modicum of minimalist furniture are the decorative hints for 1994. Joseph Ettedgui, the diminutive fashion entrepreneur whose bars and shops are the haunt of London's chic, has placed *his west London flat on the market*.

With a designer-label price-tag of £850,000 for a 64-year lease, the three-bedroom flat is, says one estate agent, disconcertingly up to date. "It's just what you would expect from a designer. Very clean lines, lots of stainless steel and lots of white." Clearly not a man who knocks his red wine over.

Much Adie

WHEN the bombs start falling, Kate Adie is rarely far away. But if the Nato forces actually mean business in Bosnia this time, Adie and her familiar flak-jacket will be conspicuously absent. For Adie, the BBC's chief news correspondent, is in Northern Ireland, fuelling the persistent rumours that *she has in some way fallen out with* the powers-that-be on the BBC's foreign desk.

Absolute nonsense, says an old overseas hand at the corporation, brushing aside all Sarajevo gossip to the contrary. "Adie will return to Bosnia when we decide to send her back." But he declines to name the day. Rather like Nato.

● *Back to basics is catching on. In the central Russian city of Voronezh, Mayor Anatoly Golts has just banned video films and publications exercising "an erotic influence" on the local populace — but only up to 11pm. After that, presumably, anything goes.*



Eloquent silence

MYSTERIOUSLY, the Oxford Union Society has been having trouble finding Tory speakers to appear in one of its debates this term. The subject? "This House would welcome a return to traditional family values."

Ministers have not exactly been queuing up to speak. According to Union president, Kate Wilson, "they all seemed to be terribly busy".

So busy, in fact, that Labour peer Lord Longford is now to propose the motion, along with Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark, the former Tory MP who holds rather strident views on, well, just about everything, including John Major's "back to basics" drive. "It's his only salvation. *I think it is disappoint*ing and foolish that no one from the Cabinet is attending the debate, because this 'back to basics' issue is one which is doing a lot of good out there," he says.

It could be an uncomfortable occasion for Major, as Sir Anthony insists that he will have no qualms about upbraiding ministers who've fallen down on the job: Oxford undergrads should prepare for a long night.

BASIC RATES

The shock of record tax levels is still to strike the electorate

When John Major returns to the House of Commons this afternoon, his main task will be to refocus the nation's attention on the issues he has redefined as "the basics": health, education and other social issues and, above all, economic performance. The signs of economic recovery last year were confirmed yesterday by another sparkling set of unemployment figures. Good news piles upon good news. More questionable, however, is whether this will pull the Prime Minister and his party out of their morass.

The mere revival of economic growth, after the longest recession in the post-war record, may not be enough to restore the Conservatives' reputation for economic competence, still less their popularity as the party of low taxes. As Anatole Kaletsky and Janet Bush show in *The Times* today, the steep tax increases announced in the last two Budgets, combined with the effects of creeping inflation on tax allowances and reliefs, have raised the income tax burden to the point where most families will pay a higher share of their income in taxes and national insurance from this April onwards than people on comparable incomes did in the last year of Labour government. This is a shocking record for a party which has prided itself on low taxes and won the last general election largely on this issue. And it does not even take VAT into account.

When the Conservatives came to power in 1979, their tax policy had three main strands: to reduce taxes generally, thereby reducing the economic role of the state; to cut high marginal tax rates, which under Labour had turned into a real barrier to enterprise; and to switch as far as possible from direct taxes to indirect taxes, from tax as you earn to tax as you spend. Fifteen years on, only the second of these aims has been achieved. Meanwhile, the total burden of taxes has risen sharply. Now it turns out that even the burden of income tax has increased. How has the government got away with these exactions?

In the 1980s, successive Chancellors concentrated on cutting headline rates of income tax because this was highly visible. Cutting headline rates, rather than adjusting allowances, disguised the fact that many of the "tax cuts" were not cuts at all, but merely redistributions of the tax burden. Once taxes had to be raised, successive Chancellors chose to reduce allowances, rather than increase headline rates. Economically, this was quite justifiable, since it did less damage to incentives. But the widespread public ignorance about the income tax system gave Chancellors enormous leeway — allowing them to claim tax cuts, when taxes were actually going up. Sooner or later, taxpayers were bound to see through this deception — and that moment may now have arrived.

But the government's tax record raises an even more basic question. Why have huge tax increases, been necessary at all under a Tory government? The government's budget Red Book projections show that non-North Sea taxes, social security contributions and the Council Tax will rise to 35.5 per cent of GDP in 1994/95, only a little above the 34.75 per cent recorded in 1978/79. But, as the economy recovers in the years ahead, the Treasury is planning for this tax ratio to rise steadily to 38.5 per cent by 1998/99. Allowing for the impact of the economic cycle, therefore, the Treasury's tax take in the next four years will be the highest ever recorded in Britain's peacetime history. This record level for taxation is the broadest measure of the price we will all have to pay for the economic destruction of the two recessions since 1979 and the breakdown in public spending control during the first two years of the Major government.

Partly this increase in public spending was a consequence of political calculation, with a difficult general election looming in 1992. But political cynicism was not solely to blame. With monetary policy constrained by Mr Major's over-riding commitment to defend an arbitrary level of sterling, the Treasury had no choice but to connive at excessive spending. To have acted tougher, given the level of interest rates dictated by ERM membership, would have been to plunge the economy into a black hole. For Mr Major, the consequences of ERM membership and the mistakes which preceded will take many years to live down.

HOWE VERSUS SCOTT

An unjustified attack on the arms-for-Iraq enquiry

Lord Howe's fierce and unexpected attack on the Scott enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair yesterday was instantly and predictably compared to his resignation speech in 1990 which triggered Margaret Thatcher's departure from office. This comparison is misplaced. Lord Howe's address to the Commons three years ago was a devastatingly effective act of political assassination. Yesterday's 30-minute outburst revealed only his ignorance of the enquiry's remit and disdain for the work it has undertaken.

Lord Howe's principal complaint was that witnesses in the enquiry's oral hearings have not been formally represented by legal counsel; taking this argument further, he said that witnesses' lawyers should be entitled to cross-examine other witnesses. Such objections would have force if the Scott enquiry were a trial, a judicial review held in court. But it is not.

Witnesses have not been sub-poenaed; they have been promised, furthermore, that their evidence will not be used in criminal prosecutions. The hearings have been held while Parliament is sitting, giving members of both Houses the additional protection of parliamentary privilege. Unless Lord Justice Scott seeks to change the legal status of the tribunal, the only weapon at his disposal will be his report: the conclusions he draws and the recommendations he makes. Ministers and officials have nothing to fear but the truth.

Lord Howe's misguided attempt to discredit the enquiry coincides with the beginning of its most important phase. Last year, the Scott team explored the changes to the guidelines governing arm sales to Iraq in 1988 and Lord Howe's own determination when Foreign Secretary to keep the relaxation of these rules secret. A miserable catalogue of petty duplicity and official incompetence has already emerged. But now the investigation is turning its attention to the "public interest immunity" (PII) certificates signed by ministers to prevent official documents being released in criminal cases.

In 1992, executives from the firms Matrix Churchill and Ordtech were tried with breaching the rules governing weapons sales to Iraq. In both cases, ministers sought to suppress evidence which would have showed that the government was encouraging this illicit trade. All four defendants in the Ordtech trial were convicted; and had it not been for the candour of Alan Clark, the former trade and defence minister, in the Matrix Churchill trial, three innocent businessmen might well have been jailed. Whether these certificates should have been signed is the most important question facing the Scott enquiry.

Before the Matrix Churchill trial, few members of the public had even heard of this sweeping power of concealment; few politicians seem to understand its complexities. It must be asked whether the ministers involved — Kenneth Baker, Tristan Garel-Jones, Michael Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke and Malcolm Rifkind — took due care in accepting the advice of law officers that they should sign the certificates. It must also be asked whether they drew a proper distinction between the public interest and the government's interest when they agreed to withhold this vital evidence. Above all, the legal and moral criteria used by those issuing such certificates must be disclosed and reviewed comprehensively. Lord Justice Scott should not be swayed from this vital task by one intemperate outburst.

NEW FIZZ FOR INDIA

In Delhi, let them drink Coke

What do astronauts do when they set foot on the moon? They buy a can of Coca Cola from the nearest Indian shopkeeper. Thus ran a once popular joke in Delhi, poking gentle fun at an American fixation and at the entrepreneurial *nous* of the world's Patels. The irony, of course, was that the transaction could not have occurred on earth in India itself where the drink in question has been banned for the past 17 parched years.

The present Congress government has decided, as part of its economic liberalisation, to allow the fizzy brown drink back. The decision will not please everyone, least of all the manufacturers of local beverages whose business has flourished since Coke was banned by the Janata government of Morarji Desai in 1977.

Mr Desai's government, swept into power on a wave of opposition to Indira Gandhi's heavy-handed campaign of enforced sterilisation, was populist in both tone and method. It decided that Coke was an imperialist product and encouraged its replacement by a fizz of sickly-sweet indigenous colas. A generation of Indians was nurtured on Thums-Up, Double Seven and Campa Cola. "The Real Thing" was missed at first, but people came to acquire a fierce pride in the Indian, or *desi*, liquids. They came, even, to bask in India's bizarre cokelessness.

More bizarre, still, was the choice of drink of Mr Desai himself. It is not known whether it occurred to the manufacturers of Coke to lobby the Indian government of the time by stressing their product's diuretic qualities. To his credit, Mr Desai, while depriving the Indian people of Coke, did not impose upon them his personal regimen. Perhaps he should have tried, as it has stood him in excellent stead: he is nearly a hundred, born just ten years after the first bottle of Coke was confected.

India is more important to Coke than Coke is to India. At any given time, there are millions who are thirsty, and the urban market, in particular, is worth wrestling for. Rural India, on the other hand, poses a serious marketing challenge. Entirely agricultural in both vocation and outlook, it is unlikely to respond readily to the seductions of a carbonated drink from abroad. Most villagers prefer to quench their thirst with water, but less than five per cent has assured access to potable water. The government is, of course, aware of the problem. In the meantime, however, let them drink Coke.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

Decisions for the West in Bosnia

From Sir Reginald Hibbert

Sir, Britain is threatening Bosnian Serbs with tactical air strikes (report, January 11), and the withdrawal of British and French troops from Bosnia is being canvassed. The failure of Western policy is plain for all to see. Its roots lie in failure to hold on to the only principles on which sane policy could be built in the Balkans.

These principles are: refusal to recognise change of frontiers by force, insistence on the construction of workable human rights regimes within existing frontiers and readiness to furnish victims of aggression and ethnic cleansing with the means to defend themselves.

The slide began with the Serbs' forcible suppression of Kosovo's autonomy in 1989. The time for the West to draw the line came in Bosnia in 1992. By maintaining the arms embargo on the Bosnian government while themselves refusing to take military action to check the Serbian forces, the Western powers helped to create the present disastrous impasse.

Once ethnic cleansing was let loose on a large scale, the chances of effecting a ceasefire, much less a peaceful settlement, other than through total exhaustion of the combatants, dwindled to nil.

Where now is the line to be drawn? If an eleventh-hour effort is not made to draw it in Bosnia, it is difficult to see how it could be drawn elsewhere. If the Serbs have their way in Bosnia, they will hardly act with the moderation needed to prevent an eventual explosion in Kosovo. And beyond Kosovo lies the maelstrom of Macedonia.

Serbia is now much weakened by sanctions. It should be within the capacity of the Western powers to mount an operation to break the siege of Sarajevo, temporarily suspending humanitarian aid.

Unless a sharp military defeat is suffered by the Serbian forces it is unlikely that even a botched-up division of Bosnia on ethnic lines will be achievable. Croatia needs to be severely warned off further intervention in Bosnia, if necessary by sanctions.

Once the Serbs and Croats faced real checks to their military activities, they might make enough concessions for the exhausted Bosnian Muslims to accept a division of their country which, while grossly unfair to them, would not be so weighted in favour of the Serbs and Croats as to be intolerable.

It is difficult to see any better possible outcome than this. But even this needs more clarity and courage than Western governments have so far shown.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD HIBBERT,
Frondeg, Pennal,
Machynlleth, Powys.
January 11.

Why Hoxne hoard must stay intact

From Professor Martin Biddle, FBA

Sir, On Sunday the Hoxne Treasure comes off display at the British Museum. Will it ever be seen or studied as a whole again? Will it be kept together or dispersed?

Deposited early in the fifth century, the treasure contains 565 gold coins, 14,191 silver coins, and around 200 other objects (24 with Christian inscriptions) of gold and silver: bracelets, rings, gold chains, sets of spoons, ladles, strainers, pepper-pots, bowls, unusual implements and other items.

It is the largest treasure from Roman Britain, and by far the largest coin hoard of the period from the Roman Empire. The objects are either unique in themselves, or form sets hitherto unparalleled.

The treasure was found by a man using a metal detector in a field at Hoxne, Suffolk, in November 1992, declared treasure trove last September, and valued by the Treasure Trove Reviewing Committee in November at £1.75 million, a sum larger than the British Museum's total annual purchase grant.

Under the present law, the finder will receive an ex-gratia payment equal to the full market value of items retained by a museum, or have returned to him any items not required.

Professor T. E. Allibone, writing as a former trustee of the British Museum, suggested (letter, September 15, 1993) that the trustees should reduce their own financial problem by allowing "a well judged dispersal of some of the items" by sale to other museums. This suggestion should be firmly resisted. Study of the hoard will never end: new discoveries, new methods of examination, and new approaches will mean returning to the treasure with new questions. The coins may seem to include many "duplicates", but the certainty of new questions requires that they too be kept together.

Our understanding of early coinage has been revolutionised this century by precisely such reinvestigation, much of it undertaken in the Department of Coins and Medals in the British Museum, where the Hoxne coins should now all be deposited together.

The British Museum's short guide to the Hoxne Treasure describes the data potentially present as "a precious archive which will continue to enrich and deepen knowledge and understanding of the late-Roman world for years to come". This is the only factor which should be allowed to dictate the future of the treasure.

The exhibition now closing and the statements which have appeared make it clear that the staff and trustees of the museum take this view. May we perhaps hope that the Department of National Heritage and the Treasury will now provide the resources needed to keep the entire treasure together in the national collection?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BIDDLE,
Hertford College, Oxford.
January 10.

Footing the bill for car boot sales

From Mr David Smith

Sir, The writer of your leading article on car boot sales (January 4) would probably be less favourably disposed towards them if he/she lived near a field where these events take place on practically every Sunday from March to November, and was awakened by traders often arriving before 6am.

The disturbance continues throughout the morning and afternoon as more traders arrive and customers come and go. Often the traffic congestion is worse than on race days.

Certainly goods are cheaper at car boot sales, but that is hardly surprising. Businesses are selling in places where no *bona fide* retailer would ever get planning consent, and the car boot sellers do not pay rates, taxes and other overheads that shops cannot avoid.

Undoubtedly, stolen goods and illegally imported goods are offered at these sales. It seems much less easy to apprehend the culprits than you imply.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SMITH
(Clerk, Sunninghill Parish Council),
Council Chamber,
South Ascot Village Hall,
Church Road, South Ascot, Berkshire.
January 6.

From Mr Brian Ormshaw

Sir, Is it not ironic that the Government is proposing to remove the most effective control which already exists within local authority armour against car boot sales, namely, market franchise rights?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN ORMSHAW (Secretary),
National Association of
British Market Authorities,
19 Derwent Avenue, Milnrow,
Rochdale, Lancashire.
January 5.

From Mr Simon Wood

Sir, Would it solve some of the problems perceived in car boot sales if local authorities were to impose one condition: that the police have an hour's preview?

Yours faithfully,
SIMON WOOD,
20 Birchin Lane, EC3.
January 4.

From Mr J. E. Meadows

Sir, Your leader today states: "Car boot sales embody all the values a Conservative Government should espouse . . ." Indeed, what more logical route exists for disposing of the family silver?

Yours faithfully,
J. E. MEADOWS,
14 Kingswood Drive, SE19.
January 4.

The ethics of IVF

From the Chairman of Council, the British Medical Association

Sir, The British Medical Association has no specific policy on controversies regarding the age of recipients of in-vitro fertilisation, the implantation of a white embryo into a black woman, and the use of ova from an aborted foetus. It is the duty of our medical ethics committee, which includes eminent non-medical individuals, to study such issues and advise the council.

Any policy decision taken by council in the light of that advice will require ratification by the profession's parliament (the representative body) in an annual or special representative meeting. The BMA will, naturally, hope that its views will then be considered by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, whose adjudication we shall unquestionably accept.

The Editor of the *Bulletin of Medical Ethics* (letter, January 4) suggests that I claimed, in my article of December 28, that "doctors should be allowed to do whatever the patient wants, without interference from society". What I wrote was "any decision about assisted birth, whatever the age of the woman, is primarily a matter for the patient . . . and her doctor".

Yours faithfully,
A. W. MACARA,
Chairman of Council,
British Medical Association,
BMA House, Tavistock Square, WC1.
January 6.

From Mr P. R. Ridgway

Sir, I note from your report (January 4) on the French response to the artificial impregnation debate that it will soon be illegal for a post-menopausal woman to become a mother. Yet this decision by the French, apparently taken on moral rather than medical grounds, will still allow a 70-year-old man to become a father, whether by natural or artificial methods.

I also find it puzzling that it appears to be perfectly acceptable for a brown-haired, green-eyed woman to incubate a blonde, blue-eyed foetus, but not for a black woman to incubate a white foetus, although in both examples the genetic differences involved are probably similar and trivial.

Yours sincerely,
PHIL RIDGWAY,
27 Naverene Meadows,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
January 4.

Language on TV

From Mr Ken Taylor

Sir, I am sorry to learn that the Broadcasting Standards Council is planning to repeat its criticism (report, December 17) of the use of a four-letter word in the opening episode of *The Camomile Lawn* on Channel 4.

My screenplay was faithful to Mary Wesley's novel, which portrayed the character Oliver using this word to his young cousin in order to shock her (and perhaps the reader) into accepting the harsh change produced in him by his experiences in the Spanish Civil War.

The council's judgment calls for a gradual switch at 9pm to more adult material. But this important early scene depends entirely for its effect upon shock, which cannot by definition be gradual.

Mary Wesley's novel opens in 1939. In the moral maze of the moment it may be of interest that only one out of 2.4 million viewers who watched the repeat was in fact sufficiently shocked by the single use of this word to protest to the council.

Yours faithfully,
KEN TAYLOR,
Churchtown House,
Gwithian, Hayle, Cornwall.
January 12.

Costs of appeal

From Mr R. K. D. Shah

Sir, Reference is made in "Inns and outs" (Law, January 11) to the warning that was given by the Mississippi State Supreme Court that "there was no good reason why taxpayers should foot the bill for costly mistakes" of lawyers, necessitating appeals and retrials.

What, one may ask, when the boot is on the other foot?

Indeed, in civil matters, in this country at least, the costs of appealing against decisions at the first instance and also, where cases eventually end up in the House of Lords, against judgments of the Court of Appeal, are generally borne by one of the parties to the litigation, even when it is the judges who may have got the law wrong.

There is therefore a strong argument for meeting such costs out of the public purse — but no one would dream of suggesting that the judges concerned should themselves be made to pay.

Yours truly,
RAMNIK SHAH,
Preuveneers & Co (solicitors),
Elm House, 113-115 London Road,
Mitcham, Surrey.
January 11.

Voting in Suffolk

From Mr John F. Spellar, MP for Warley West (Labour)

Sir, When contemplating a Suffolk South by-election Julian Critchley ("Suffolk woman calls the tune", January 8) makes the presumption that the Liberal Democrats would be the main opposition.

However, while the Liberal Democrats came second at the last general election with 25.2 per cent, Labour were close behind with 24 per cent. Contrary to press mythology East Anglia has always had a strong radical and Labour tradition. Indeed Labour is now the largest single party in Suffolk, with 31 seats to the Tories' 27 with the Liberals trailing at 17.

A by-election in Suffolk South could be a genuine three-way contest.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. SPELLAR,
House of Commons.

Women on TV

From Ms Lesley Abdela

Sir, I have never before seen a television listing (January 11) displaying so many photos of women in all the variety of emotion of their/our lives, with the superb Choice column highlighting four programmes on women ("Women Who Kill", "Undercover Britain: The Slave Trap", "Caraline's Story" and "Private Investigations").

Please award your television page editor a bottle of Mumm on behalf of all us 29 million women in the UK.

Yours truly,
LESLEY ABDELA,
The Lodge, Conock Manor, Wiltshire.
January 12.

Exclude me in

From Mr Fred R. Shapiro

Sir, I enjoyed David Pannick's kind review (Law, January 4) of my book, *The Oxford Dictionary of American Legal Quotations*, recently published by Oxford University Press. I would like to point out, however, that Mr Pannick is in error when he states that the words "sue me" from Frank Loesser's *Guys and Dolls* are "inexplicably excluded from this volume". They appear on page 304.

Sincerely yours,
FRED R. SHAPIRO,
Yale Law School,
New Haven, Connecticut 06520.

Scientific miracles

From Mr J. D. M. Barr

Sir, I am neither physicist nor theologian, but I suspect that if "top scientists are finding, through quantum mechanics, that miracles are possible" (Mrs Lissak's letter, January 10), they can hardly be described as miracles.

Yours faithfully,
DUGALD BARR,
1 Canning Place, W8.

Nuclear proliferation

From Dr David Lowry

Sir, One of the charges against North Korea (leading article, December 27; letters, December 29, January 5) is that it is refusing full access to international nuclear inspectors into all its existing facilities, including its small plutonium separation plant. Yet up to June 1986, the UK Government applied exactly this all-encompassing exclusion at Sellafield. Today only limited, UK Government-controlled physical access is permitted.

Another charge against the Pyongyang regime is that it is determined to divert its civil plutonium to military ends. Yet under a 1958 US-UK nuclear barter agreement at least 7,000kg of UK plutonium have been exported to the US for military use.

Under the enabling stipulations of the 1978 trilateral safeguards agreement between the United Kingdom, the European Atomic Energy Agency (Euratom) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), clause 14 permits the withdrawal from the safeguards provisions of nuclear materials "for national security reasons".

On June 9, 1986 (Hansard, col 54), Parliament was informed that since 1978 withdrawals "for national security reasons" of civil nuclear material had been activated on 53 occasions, and on June 15, 1989 (Hansard, col 486), the Government refused to give further details of additional withdrawals on the grounds it would "not be in the public interest to reveal such details".

However, on December 6, 1993 (Hansard, col 38), the energy minister, Mr Tim Eggar, divulged that 46 such withdrawals had taken place since January 7, 1990.

The second preparatory committee meeting for the extension and review conference of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty is due to take place shortly in New York. What are the delegates meant to do in light of the abysmal non-proliferation record of those nations lecturing North Korea?

Yours sincerely,
DAVID LOWRY
(Director, European Proliferation Information Centre, 1985-93),
45 Clandon Close, Stoneleigh, Surrey.

Business letters, page 27

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Down memmers lane

From Mr John Thompson

Sir, *Pace* Philip Howard's tribute to Brian Johnston ("The man who spoke cricket", January 7), I recall being Harry flakers often and Harry screechers sometimes at Oxford in the early 1960s. My uncle in the Fleet Air Arm, in his report following the landings at Salerno in 1943, recorded the consumption of quantities of Sicilian red wine from petrol cans. They called it Screech.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN THOMPSON,
4 Marylebone Mews, W1.
January 7.

From Captain T. Henderson

Sir, I remember hearing of an air traffic controller from RAF Martlesham Heath in the early 1960s who announced over his radio to all and sundry that fog and low cloud had closed their nearby "satellite" airfield of Wattisham with the transmission, "Harry clampers at Tishers".

Bearing in mind that all radio conversations should ideally follow standard phraseology, to avoid ambiguity, here was a model of imperfection, misunderstood by no one.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE HENDERSON,
Morgans Field, Sharpthorne,
Nr East Grinstead, West Sussex.
January 7.

From Mr Jonathan Harrison

Sir, Contrary to Philip Howard's assertion that it hasn't been heard for 50 years, Brian Johnston's language lives on.

Lovers of association football call it soccer, and even those cads who pick up the ball and run with it call their game rugger. Long may they do so.

Yours truly,
JONATHAN HARRISON,
The Cavalry and Guards Club,
127 Piccadilly, W1.

Sports letters, page 38

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 12: The Duke of York this morning visited the Barrowmore Village Nursing Home, Great Barrow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley-Davenport).

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Fire Station at Tarporley, Cheshire.

Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 12: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, today attended the London International Boat Show and Annual Luncheon, Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5.

Her Royal Highness, Upper Warden, the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, this evening attended the Alms Court Meeting and Livery Dinner, Painters' Hall, Little Trinity Lane, London EC4.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Royal Ballet, was present this evening at a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, as part of the Hamlyn Westminster Bank Week.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK
January 12: Princess Alexandra, Patron and Air Chief Commandant of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, this afternoon received Group Captain E.M. Hancock upon retiring as Matron-in-Chief and Group Captain V.M. Hand upon assuming the appointment.

Her Royal Highness, Patron of People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, later received Mr Francis Butters upon retiring as Chairman of the Council of Management and General Sir Roland Guy on assuming this appointment.

Birthdays today

Mr Craigie Aitchison, painter, 68; Air Marshal Sir John Baker-Carr, 88; Mr Clive Betts, MP, 44; Sir Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, former Premier of Queensland, 83; Mr Richard Blackford, composer, 40; Mr Michael Bond, author and creator of Paddington Bear, 68; Dr Sydney Brenner, CH, molecular biologist, 67; Sir John Caines, civil servant, 61; Miss Carolyn Corben, fashion designer, 31; Mr Edward Crew, Chief Constable, Northamptonshire, 48; Lady Donaldson of Kingsbridge, author, 87; the Earl of Essex, 74; Mr Stephen Glover, former editor, *The Independent on Sunday*, 42; Mr Stephen Hendry, snooker player, 25; Mr Ronan Rafferty, golfer, 30; Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, 56; Mr Bernard Shrimsley, journalist, 63; Mr K.C. Turpin, former vice-chancellor, Oxford University, 79.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker held a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of Mr Francis ole Kaparo, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya. The High Commissioner for Kenya attended. The other guests were:
Mrs Angela Browning, MP, Mr Bill Cash, MP, Mr Roger Godsiff, MP, Mr Jim Lester, MP, Miss Joan Lestor, MP, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, MP, Mr Ted Rowlands, MP, Mr Japhet Masya, Sir Clifford Boulton, Mr Stephen Hiscock, Miss Roseanne O'Reilly, Mrs Geraldine Plowden and Mr Nicolas Bevan.

Woolmen's Company
The Princess Royal, Upper Warden of the Woolmen's Company, attended a dinner held last night at Painters' Hall. The Master, Mr Raymond Cousins, presided and presented the company's silver medal and prize to Dr Kevin J. Dodd and a certificate of commendation to Miss Emma C. Cochrane for their research work in wool at Leeds University.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Professor Peter Harper, Lord Quinton and Professor J.A. Raeburn were the speakers.

Retirement

Judge Newey, QC, the senior Official Referee, has retired from the Bench.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jan van Goyen, landscape painter, Leiden, The Netherlands, 1596; Charles Perrault, writer and collector of folk tales, Paris, 1628.

DEATHS: Edmund Spenser, poet, London, 1599; George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, London, 1691; James Macknight, biblical critic, Edinburgh, 1800; John Scott, 1st Earl of Eldon, Lord Chancellor 1801-6 and 1807-27, London, 1838; Fabian Bellinghausen, polar explorer, Russia, 1852; Stephen Collins Foster, songwriter, New York, 1864; Sir John Seeley, historian, Cambridge, 1895; James Joyce, novelist, Zurich, 1941; Hubert Humphrey, American Vice-President 1965-69, Waverley, Minnesota, 1978.

The Independent Labour Party was formed under Keir Hardie, 1893.

Nasa selected its first women astronauts, 1978.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Patron of the Ocean Youth Club, will visit the 1994 London International Boat Show at Earls Court Exhibition Centre at 7.00.

The Princess Royal will open the new police station at Belgravia, Buckingham Palace Road, at 11.25; and, as Chancellor of London University, will visit the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School at 369 Fulham Road at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, as a liveryman of the Mercers' Company, will attend a dinner at Mercers' Hall at 6.00.

The Valentine Ball

The Valentine Ball will be held for 3,000 guests on all floors of The Café Royal, W1, on Friday, February 11. Invitations and £31 tickets from 071-931 8849.

Luncheon

Institute of Physics
Mr C.A.P. Foxell, President of the Institute of Physics, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Goring Hotel for representatives of the Institute's corporate affiliate companies. Mr K.C. Shotton of the Department of Trade and Industry was the guest speaker.

Memorial services

Dr A.R. Dufty
A memorial service for Dr Arthur Richard (Dick) Dufty was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Dean of Windsor officiated. Mr Tom Dufty, son, read the lesson. Professor B.W. Cunliffe, President of the Society of Antiquaries, read from Kenneth Clark's *Civilisation* and Mr Peter Locke read from William Morris's *News from Nowhere*.

Professor Christopher Brooke, honorary vice-president of the society, Dr Alan Borg, Director-General of the Imperial War Museum, and Mr Locke gave addresses. The Rev Donald Reeves pronounced the blessing.

Sir Patrick Graham
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Patrick Graham, retired Judge of the Patents Court, who died on December 5 last year, will be held in the Temple Church, Temple on Thursday January 20, 1994 at 5.00pm.

T.E. Utley memorial awards

The T.E. Utley Memorial Fund is to present two awards in 1994 for essays by school or university students on the theme: "Are we as a country failing to uphold civilising traditions — and if so, what should we do about it?"

The university award, open to students enrolled at a university and aged under 25, is £2,500; the school award, for students at secondary schools and aged under 18, is £1,500.

Entrants should declare their age and school/university; and submit their typescript, of not more than 1,200 words, to reach the Secretary of the Fund at 44 Leamington Road Villas, London W11 1HT by April 30.

The winners will be announced on June 21.

The prize is in memory of T.E. Utley, whose long and distinguished writing career included two years as Obituaries Editor of The Times.

Oxford University

Pavry and Winchester Thesis Prizes 1993
Dasturzada Dr Jal Pavry Memorial Prize
The prize for 1993 has been awarded jointly to: Anand Menon, graduate student of Nuffield College and Surya Subedi, graduate student of Exeter College.

Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester Prize
The prize for 1993 has been awarded to: Allan T. Griffith, graduate student of Oriel College.
Proxime Accessit: Miriam Aukerman, graduate student of Balliol College.

Dean Close School

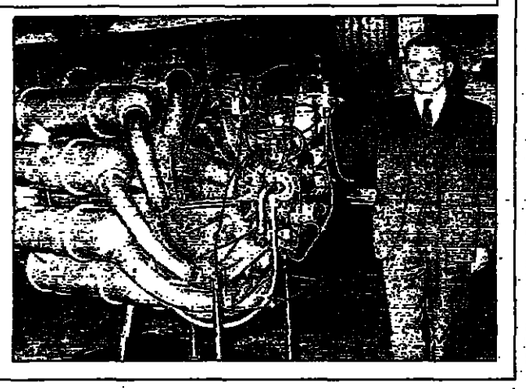
The Lent Term begins today. James Bull is Captain of Hockey. The Music Scholarship auditions will be held on February 24 and the Academic Scholarship from February 28 to March 2. The Old Decanian Games Day will be on February 24 and Open Day on February 26. The Bishop of Gloucester will conduct Confirmation on March 13 and term ends on March 23.

Gray's Inn

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn: Nigel Ronald Buchanan Macleod, QC, Nicholas Mordaunt Chambers, QC, Edwin John Glasgow, QC, Richard Ferguson, QC.

The following have been elected Honorary Masters of the Bench: Professor Dr Christian von Bar, Sir Robert Carswell.





The artist Michael Noakes recently completed this pencil drawing for the Queen of Sir Frank Whittle, seen, right, with one of his pioneering jet engines. The drawing of Sir Frank, now aged 86, was commissioned for the Order of Merit series the Queen is adding to the Royal Collection at Windsor Castle. The Queen revived Edward VII's practice of commissioning drawings of members of the Order of Merit in 1987, and 14 were completed by William Strang, but lately a variety of artists have been employed.

Cave yields clues to African magic

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EVIDENCE of prehistoric magical rituals has been found in a cave in central Africa. The remains of plants having reputed magical properties indicate that body-painting and the manufacture of poison arrows were among the activities carried out.

The Paouan Cave, near Lastoursville in Gabon, has yielded evidence of occupation between 5,600 and 4,000 years ago, according to Richard Oglisly and his colleagues. Stone tools found were of types widespread in Zaire and the Congo as well as Gabon, made from jasper and quartz.

Charcoal found in the excavations derived from only four species of plant, indicating that the choice of those carried into the cave was highly selective: more than a thousand species grow in Gabon. All four are well known to the modern inhabitants of the Ogooue valley as having magical or ritual properties.

One was a tree which yields a red powder used as a body pigment, especially during initiation rites; another was the resinous *Copaifera*, known as the "king of trees" and used to make torches to light the interior of the cave's vast chamber. A third tree species, Combretum, yields a very hard wood used for making battle-clubs.

The fourth plant was a liana used by many African tribes as a source of arrow poison, and also as a tonicardiac during periods of violent exercise such as prolonged ceremonies. The presence of this *Strophanthus* vine and worked stone "suggests that poison arrows were manufactured in the cave", the investigators say.

"Poison-arrow manufacture by many African tribes is carried out with elaborate ritual in secret places such as caves, from which women are excluded. The choice of *Copaifera* resin as the preferred torch-making material, and of *Pterocarpus tinctorius* for its red pigment accords with the view that Paouan cave was used for magical-ritual purposes.

"It seems that by 5,600 years ago, some of the tribes of tropical Africa had mastered the art of poison-arrow manufacture, and that they had developed elaborate rituals around this activity."

☐ Source: *Nature* 367: 25-26.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.A. Beharrell and Miss J.V. Morris
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Beharrell, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Morris, of Berkswell, Coventry.

Mr D.I. Bruce and Miss C.A. Foster
The engagement is announced between David Bruce, of St Albans, son of Mrs Jean Bruce, of Newborough, Anglesey, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathon Foster, of Badger, Shropshire.

Mr O.D. Burton and Miss S.L. Rowsell
The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs John Burton, of Catherington, Hampshire, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ron Rowsell, of Kirk Langley, Derbyshire.

Lieutenant M.R.J. Campbell, RLC and Miss J.K. Van Beck
The engagement is announced between Michael Robin James, son of Mr J.J. Campbell, of Middleton-on-Sea, and Mrs A.M. Campbell, of Midhurst, West Sussex, and Jennifer Kay, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Van Beck, of Conyers, Georgia, USA.

Mr J.A.D. Carr and Miss P.M. Harley
The engagement is announced between Jamie, son of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Carr, of Withington, Gloucestershire, and Pollyanna, daughter of Mr Martin Harley, of Wargrave, Berkshire, and Mrs Brian Lewis, of Chobham, Surrey.

Mr L.R. Cook and Miss J.M. Silk
The engagement is announced between Lucian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Cook, of Wedmore, Somerset, and Jennie, elder daughter of Dr David Silk, of Marsh Green, Kent, and Dr Rowena Silk, of Weston Turville, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.P. Fage and Miss A.J. Palmer
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Periton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Fage, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Amanda Jayne, elder daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs L.V. Palmer, also of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D. Hammond and Miss J.A. Owen
The engagement is announced between Daniel, elder son of Mr and Mrs Barry Hammond, of Leicestershire, and Juliet Alice, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Gerald Owen, of Witney, Oxfordshire.

Mr W. Hughes and Miss A.V. Vracas
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs R. Hughes, of West Haddon, Northamptonshire, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.B. Vracas, of Leatherhead, Surrey.

Mr T.W.B. King and Miss J.J. Maude
The engagement is announced between Thomas Walter Bullard, son of Mr and Mrs Peter King, of Bylaugh, Norfolk, and Julia Jane, daughter of the late Brigadier Neil Maude, RM, and of Mrs Maude, of Wheathill, Somerset.

Mr S.A. Lucas and Miss J.E.N. Tebbs
The engagement is announced between Simon Alexander, second son of Captain V.H. Lucas, RN, and Mrs Lucas, of Warboys, Cambridgeshire, and Jane Elizabeth Nelson, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H.N. Tebbs, of Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire.

Dr P.B. Marquand and Dr P.L. Scott-Mackie
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs E.B. Marquand, of Althorne, Essex, and Pauline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Scott-Mackie, of London.

Dr C.A. MacLennan and Dr J.M. Green
The engagement is announced between Calman, son of Professor and Mrs Ian MacLennan, of Selly Park, Birmingham, and Jenny, daughter of Rev Dr and Mrs Michael Green, of Chilwell, Nottingham.

Mr S. Martus and Miss S.L. Hucker
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Martus, of Chappaqua, New York, and Sara Louise, only daughter of Mrs Anne Hucker and the late Bryan Hucker, of Nayland, Suffolk.

Mr P.J.B. Reynolds and Miss J.R.L. Snell
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Dr and Mrs John Reynolds, of Denton, Northamptonshire, and Jessica, daughter of Mr David Snell, of Anick, Northumberland, and Mrs Doodie Pearce, of Carthorpe, North Yorkshire.

Mr A.J.H. Robson and Miss S.E. Davies
The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of the late Mr W. Robson and of Mrs Robin Dean, of Midhurst, West Sussex, and Siân, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Gwynne Davies, of Derwen Fawr, Swansea.

Mr T.W.G.N. Sevenoaks and Miss L.J.B. Threlfall
The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Major and Mrs J.E.F. Sevenoaks, of Llanwarne, Herefordshire, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr J. Threlfall, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs J. Threlfall, of Padbury, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.W. Vandermeer and Miss F. McLeod-Jones
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr Roy Vandermeer, QC, and Mrs Vandermeer, of Elstree, Hertfordshire, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr Ian McLeod-Jones and of Mrs K. McLeod-Jones, of Great Dummow, Essex.

Mr N.C. Woollard and Miss C.S. Crawford
The engagement is announced between Nick, son of Mr B. Woollard, of Dulwich, London, and Mrs J. Locker, of Tollard Royal, Dorset, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.I. Crawford, of Compton Bishop, Somerset.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Robert Hannaford: now Honorary Assistant Priest, Canterbury St Stephen (Canterbury).
The Rev Martin Harrison, Assistant Curate, Heworth Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge Skelton w. Shipton and Newton-on-Ouse (York).
The Rev Paul Harrison, Vicar, Tiverton, St Andrew (Exeter): to be Priest-in-charge, Astwood Bank, and Chaplain to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Worcester).
The Rev Anne Hedges, Curate, Thetford Team Ministry: to assist the Rural Dean of Thetford and Rockland as Deacon-in-charge of Garboldisham, Blo' Norton and Riddlesworth (Norwich).
The Rev Canon Keith Hugo, Rector, Wyke Regis: to be also Rural Dean of Weymouth (Salisbury).
The Rev Thomas Jamieson, Priest-in-charge, united benefice of Ryton w. Hedgefield: to be also Rural Dean of Gateshead West (Durham).

TRADE: 071 481 1982
PRIVATE: 071 481 4000

PERSONAL COLUMN

FAX: 071 481 9313
FAX: 071 782 7828

God is no the God of the dead but of the living: in his sight all are alive
St. Luke 20:38 (REB)

BIRTHS

BATCHELOR - On 7th January at St Marius Krankenhaus in Frankfurt, to Gina (née Egan) and Nigel, a son, William Geoffrey.

CUBITT - On 6th January at 11.43 am, to Vicky (née Young) and David, a son, Thomas Piers.

EATON - On January 11th, to Cathy (née Williams) and Michael, a third beautiful daughter, Rebecca Claire.

FITTER - On January 11th at The Royal Cornwall Hospital, to Kirsten and Ian, a daughter, Amy.

GREEN - On January 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Lesly and Peter, a lovely daughter, Charlotte.

MACE - On Monday October 18th, at home, to Pagan and David, a son, Maximillian George Francis.

MAUDE - On January 7th 1994, to Ali (née Sword) and Nicholas, a daughter, Beatrice Belinda.

PAILLEY-SAVAGE - At Le Clinique Francheville, Perigueux, France, to Claire and Jean-Paul, God's gift of a second daughter, Arianna Claire, on 10th January 1994. A little sister for Ambre.

PARRY - On January 10th, to Fiona (née McDonald) and James, a daughter, India Astrid McDonald, a sister for Jessica.

ROBERTSON - On 10th January 1994 at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Debbie (née Hardwick) and Douglas, a son, William Douglas.

VASSILISSIN - On 3 January 1994 to Kathryn (née Bromfield) and Nicholas, a son (Charles Nicholas), a brother for Anna.

DEATHS

BROOK - On 11th January, Major David Brook, M.C., late Fifth Fusiliers, much loved husband of Pat, father of Richard and Ann and grandfather of Victoria, David, Georgina and Alexandra. Private family cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Fusiliers of Northumberland Benevolent Society c/o Funeral Director, Adlam and Son, 68-70 Lock Hill, Frome, Somerset. tel: (0373) 462100. Thanksgiving Service to be arranged.

DEATHS

CHAPPLE - On January 10th Joan, peacefully after a long illness. Loved wife of Frank - Lord Chapple of Hoxton and mother of Roger and Barry. Cremation on Tuesday 18th January at 12.30 pm at Viniers Park Crematorium, Maidstone. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Parkinsons Disease Society, c/o Viner & Son, 84 High Street, West Malling, Kent ME19 6LU (0732 842465).

GRAHAME-CAMPBELL - David John died suddenly on 11th January 1994. Formerly of Eton College and Trinity College, Glenalmond. Beloved husband of the late Joan, dear father and grandfather. Cremation Service at Perth Crematorium on Saturday 15th January at 9.15 am family flowers only. Memorial Service to be arranged.

GRANT - On 11th January 1994, peacefully at Avon House Nursing Home, Kensington, Elaine, aged 58 years. Dear and loyal friend to so many. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 18th January 1994 at 11 am. No flowers, but donations if desired to N.S.P.C.C. c/o Chelsea Funeral Directors, 260B Fulham Road, SW10 9EL. (071) 352-0008.

GUNDRY - On 11th January 1994, peacefully in hospital at Dorchester, Dorset: Edward Fox, aged 84, beloved husband of the late Ann and previously of the late Ancy. Dear father of Caroline, Patrick and Grenville, stepfather of Patricia and Georgina and much loved and respected father-in-law, uncle, cousin, grandfather and great-grandfather and friend to many. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving Monday 17th January, 3 pm, St Mary's Church, Bridport; bunched flowers or donations if desired to St Mary's Memorial Fund or the Hunt Servants Benefit Society c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

HARWOOD - Margaret, née Atkinson, at Vicarage Gate Nursing Home, London on 2nd January 1994, Dearly loved. Deeply regretted.

HOMAYOUNI - Dr. Massoud, on 19th December 1993, in hospital. Dearly beloved husband of Lisa and much loved spiritual Master.

DEATHS

JOHNSON - On 9th January, Anthony Coventry, aged 79 years at the Exeter Hospice. Beloved husband of Mary for 53 years and adored father of Sarah. Funeral Service on Friday 14th January at Exeter Crematorium at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only but if so desired donations to Exeter Hospice, Dryden Road, Exeter, Devon.

JONES - It is with the deepest sadness that Adrian Jones announces the passing of his beloved wife, Chrissie, aged 37, on 10th January in Oxford. A brave heroine who faced her illness with tremendous courage and dignity. We shall all miss her so very much, but the love she left with, will be with us all forever. She will also be sadly missed by her parents, sister and all her friends in both the UK and abroad who gave her strength and support during her illness. A Memorial Service will be celebrated at 11.30 am on Monday 17th January 1994 in East Grafton, Wiltshire. Donations to Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Alexandra House, 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 3RS.

KIDD - On 11th January 1994, at home, Christopher Hugh Rashleigh, MSc, PhD, MICE, MIWEM, aged 48 and a bit, beloved husband of Louise and loving father of George, Toby and Emily, dearest son of Philip and Vivien, adored brother of Judith, Sally and Liz. Funeral to be arranged by Ugalde. 0579 345168. No flowers but donations if wished to MacMillan Nurses or Cancer Research.

MASON - On January 8th, peacefully in West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, while visiting England from Vancouver, after a courageous battle against a long illness, Nancy Edith Mary, aged 62, elder daughter of the late Brigadier B.G. (Jay) and Gillie Mason. Service at All Saints Church, Hartest, near Bury St Edmunds, on Friday January 21st at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to World Wildlife Fund c/o L. Fulcher, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 3AS.

DEATHS

KING - Jacqueline Marie Catherine (née Tirtreermans) born in Charleroi, Belgium, on 14th September 1925. Daughter of Antoine and Martha, sister of Georgette and Tony. A special lady and a very dear and much loved mum, nana and wife of Ronnie, Tricia, Debbie, grandson Paul and Roy. Sadly lost her fight for life and passed away in her 71st year on Thursday 6th January 1994 in Whipps Cross Hospital after a long illness bravely fought. Thank you Mum and Dad for bringing me into this world and especially to you Mum for all your time and love throughout the years that you gave me. Losing you has left such a void in my life that can never be replaced. I feel so badly at the thought of you not being with me anymore Mum, but will be with you again one day. With all my love, your daughter Tricia. Mum you are now sleeping with the angels and you will be very deeply missed by all the family and forever in our hearts and in our thoughts. Requiem Mass to be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Grange Park Road, Leyton, London E10, on Tuesday 18th January at 1 pm. R.I.P.

MAIDMENT - On January 11th 1994, Lawrence William Charles Maidment B.Sc., D.F.C. of Darwen, Lancs. Funeral Saturday January 15th, Pleasington Crematorium, Blackburn at 11 am. Enquiries Ainsworths Funerals, tel: (0254) 873290.

MAXWELL-STUART - On 11th January 1994, Rev. Dom Walter Maxwell-Stuart of Ampleforth Abbey, aged 80. Funeral, Ampleforth Abbey 12 noon Monday 17th January.

MEEKINGS - On January 10th, Honor Mary. Funeral Service at the Servites, Fulham Road, on 21st January at 10 am. Flowers to the Co-op Funeral Service, 68 Parsons Green Lane, SW6. Donations if desired to the Deaf Access Trust c/o Mr & Mrs H Meekings, Wrenshall Farmhouse, Watsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 3AS.

DEATHS

MOFFETT - On Tuesday January 11th 1994, peacefully at Guildford, Phyllis Millicent Moffett M.B.E., aged 85. Deeply loved and loving widow of John Perry Moffett C.M.G., also deeply loved mother of Rosemary, Michael and Lisbie, grandmother and great-grandmother. Former Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Guide Association and Chief Commissioner for Overseas. Funeral Service at St John's Crematorium, Hermitage Road (A324), Woking, on Saturday January 15th at 10.30 am. Family flowers only, donations. If desired, to the Muscular Dystrophy Group, Woking Branch, c/o Roger Letch, Horsewood, Pond Road, Hook Heath, Surrey GU22 0JT. Enquiries to J. Gottage & Son, Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane, Godalming, Surrey, tel: (0483) 416405.

NIEDZWIRSKI - Dr. Julian Emil on 2nd January in Charing Cross Hospital, uncle of Mimi and Emile. Funeral Service on Friday 14th January at St Andrew Bobola's Church, 1 Leysfield Road, W12 at 12 noon, afterwards Mortlake Crematorium at 2 pm. Donations, if desired, to Medical Aid for Poland Fund, 16 Warwick Road, London SW5 9UD.

NOWELL-SMITH - Isabel, on January 11th, at Fairfield, North Oxford, aged 83, after a short illness. Relations and friends will be welcome at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday January 18th at 1.15 pm and after afterwards at 5 Lewis Close, Off Kiln Lane, Headington, Oxford OX3 8JD. No flowers please.

PAINE - Nevin on January 10th courageously in hospital aged 93. Very dearly loved father of Rosemary and Norton.

PAUL - Peacefully on 8th January at Bryher Court, St Leonards. Wing Commander Graham (Ginger) Paul, D.F.C., R.A.F. (Retd), husband of the late Vera Paul and much loved and respected father of Richard Paul of New Zealand and Colonel Stephen Paul currently serving in Rome; Grandfather of Louise and Hannah. Private cremation at Hastings on Tuesday 18th January at 12.30 pm.

DEATHS

RATTENBURY - On 9th January 1994, suddenly but peacefully at home, Graham Herbert, aged 77 years. Founder and late Chairman of the Alcost Group of Companies. Funeral Service to take place at Hastings Crematorium on January 17th at 12 noon. All enquiries to K.B. Stills Ltd., Kenwood, High Street, Crawbrook, Kent. tel: (0892) 712284.

SPENSER UNDERHILL - On January 10th, peacefully at the Royal South Hants Hospital, after a long illness, The Reverend Mervyn. Devoted husband of Brenda and loving father of Rebecca, Victoria and Donstac. Funeral Monday January 17th, service at St John's Church, Hedge End at 2 pm followed by burial. Flowers welcome but donations preferred for Steve Mills Fund for Leukaemia Research c/o F.C. Hughes Funeral Directors, 46 St John's Road, Hedge End, Southampton SO3 4AG.

SPRING - On 9th January, Peter Alexander, dear husband of Clare, father of Tim, Jeremy and Andrew, grandfather of Daniel, Rachel and Joe, son-in-law of A.R. Thistlethwaite. Funeral in Plymouth on Monday 24th January. All enquiries to Walter Parson, 11 Tothill Avenue, St Judes, Plymouth PL4 8PJ. tel: (0752) 665438.

STANLEY - On January 9th, Elizabeth, died peacefully at the Cromwell Hospital after a short illness. Beloved mother of Nicholas, Martin, Shaun and Philip. Funeral Service to be held at St Mary's Catholic Church, Holly Place, Holly Walk, Hampstead, on Tuesday 18th January at 1.30 pm, family and friends welcome (parking difficult). Family flowers only please - any donations to: Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten St, London SW3 3TZ.

TROUGHTON - Robin, on 9th January 1994, whilst sailing, much loved father of Elaine and Patricia and grandfather of Alexander, Lucy and Celia. Family funeral at Amersham Crematorium. Enquiries to Cooks Funeral Service, 72 Broad Street, Chesham, Bucks. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Lung Foundation, 8 Peterborough Mews, London, SW6 3BL. Memorial Thanksgiving to be arranged.

DEATHS

WHITE - On December 27th 1993 peacefully in Ontario, Canada, Cedric Massy aged 95, Professor Emeritus Imperial College, London. Much loved father of Elizabeth, father-in-law of Robert, dear grandfather of Amelia and Charlotte. His wisdom and humour will be sadly missed.

WILD - Violet Nina, very peacefully aged 91 years, youngest daughter of the late Henry William Sidney Lowndes M.F.H. and beloved wife of Noel for 61 years and mother of Lea. Funeral Service 2 pm Tuesday 18th January at the Chapel Stoneleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. Family flowers only.

WILLIAMS - On 4th January 1994, at Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, Maurice James, Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and Barrister-at-Law, beloved husband of Betty and father of Simon and Celia. There was no funeral.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FIELD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Frederick Field will be held at All Saints' Church, Ockham, Surrey, on Sunday 30th January at 3.30 pm.

MAIR - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lord Mair will be held at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, City of London, Thursday February 3rd at 11 am.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

SPARKS - J.A., M.P. and his wife Dora. Parents of Richard and grandparents of Richard and Tamwen. Remembered on the anniversary of his death.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOB donor, under 35, preferably competent family, sought by graduate. Please Reply to Box No 5618 giving phone number.

FOR new innovative entertainment watch 'How Do They Do That', and try the way thanks for choosing the sight of clubs, regards Howard.

DOMESTIC & CATERING SITUATIONS

EXPERIENCED CHINESE Head Chef required in W2 Chinese Restaurant. £220 per Refs required. 071 229 8624, Steve.

RICHMOND (Surrey). Exp Nanny req for super family. Children 18 mths, 7 & 9. Must drive and be flex. To £220 appr. Tel 071 835 0007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marie Curie left a legacy that utterly changed cancer treatment. So can you.

Marie Curie discovered radium in the year 1898. By 1902 radiotherapy was being used to treat cancer. And she left more. She inspired the only charity to attack cancer with nursing and research: Marie Curie Cancer Care. Our Research Institute is helping to transform the fight against cancer.

Our nurses and doctors transform lives. And so does every legacy we are left.

For your free booklet on leaving one, please write to Helen Smith at Marie Curie Cancer Care, Freepost (TT), 9 Belgrave Mews South, London, SW1X 8BT. Or alternatively you can call her on 071 235 3325.

Marie Curie. Hearts and minds against cancer.

Reg Charity No 1004...

DOMESTIC & CATERING SITUATIONS WANTED

BUTLER/Driver, 27, seeks position, French speaker. Excellent Refs. Tel 0788 574650.

FLATSHARE

BAKER ST. W1 prof for own sml rm in quiet cent loc serv apt £350pcm 071 262 8387

BATTERSEA prof m/f for own dble rm to spc lux hse, share with 2 others. All mod amens £75pw excl Tel: 071-223 4108

BLACKHEATH Nr. Lrg rm in 2 dble flat. All fac + shrg 5 min BR Mon-Fri/perm £90/pcm inc 081-852 4622 after 6pm

CHELSEA SW3 - Prof to share flat, 10 min Sloane Sq. £360 pcm + tel only. 071 351 0677.

CORNWALL GDNS West Ken. N/S. No pets. For large room. £100-£105 pw. 071 602 4084

FLATMATES London's foremost (Est 1979) Professional flat sharing service. 071-589 5491

FLAT SHARES and Flat Letting Agency for Professionals. Stern Stubbs 071 244 7301

FULHAM SW6 female n/s, own room, comfy flatmate, close to amens, £300 pcm excl. Tel 071 381 2840 (after 7pm)

FULHAM Large room suit 2. £100 pw. Nr tube. 0737 17877 Day 071 381 4449 Eves.

KENSINGTON Secluded pied-a-terre 1 min NHG tube. Share 5 floor hse other facilities. £90pw. Tel: 071 727 6647

SHEPHERDS BUSH W12 prof female 30+ n/s to share quiet house. Own double bedroom. £65 pw plus ½ share of telephone, gas & electricity. 081 743 2866 between 7pm-10pm.

SW14 Bright Flat. Female Prof. Large double room. £500 per month incl. All mod cons. Close bus & trains. Parking avail. Tel: 081 878 9660 (eves)

WANDSWORTH Delight. furn. spc. dble rm in family hse, bathrm, tel, TV, own flr. £70 pw. Incl. 081 673 8606.

WESTMINSTER 10 min twin bedded rm/bathrm & breakfast. Ideal for NGC & MOD. £95 pw incl. 071 820 1600.

FLIGHTS DIRECTORY

COSTCUTTERS on flights & hols to Europe, USA & most destinations. Diplomat Travel Services Ltd: 071-730 2201. ABTA 28703 IATA/ATOL 1366.

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR LEE

Arthur Lee, CBE, DSC and Bar, Controller of Fisheries Research and Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1977-80, died on December 28 aged 73. He was born on May 17, 1920.



THE astonishing changes in the hydrographic character of Arctic seas and the extreme dislocations of biogeographical boundaries that resulted during what became known as "the Warming in the North" sparked off Arthur Lee's lifelong interest in the marine climate and its variability. His first published scientific paper in 1948 helped define the onset phase of "the Warming in the North" and its effects; his last paper, in 1988, helped define the cold fresh conditions of the "Great Salinity Anomaly" — an extreme cooling and freshening episode throughout the northern North Atlantic — which brought it to an end.

In the meantime he was the third of three men who successively led the Directorate of Fisheries Research at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, through almost the whole of its postwar period of expansion.

Arthur James Lee was born in Leicester and was educated at the City Boys' School before securing the Crabtree Exhibition which supported his entry to St Catharine's College, Cambridge, in 1939. His study of geography was almost immediately interrupted by war. Joining the Royal Navy as an ordinary seaman in August 1940, he saw service in the Battle of the Atlantic aboard HMS *Cairo*, but from September 1941, as a temporary sub-lieutenant, later lieutenant, RNVR, he spent most of the war years in command of motor torpedo boats in the North Sea and English Channel.

In July 1943 he won the DSC for gallantry and determination in a daring attack on a heavily-defended convoy off Ijmuiden, and exactly one year later, was awarded a Bar to his DSC for outstanding enterprise, leadership and skill when leading a division of light coastal craft in an action off Scheveningen.

Following the completion of his degree, he joined the Fisheries Laboratory, Lowestoft, in November 1947, as a member of Michael Graham's Arctic team in the days when the primary aim was that of meeting the nation's food shortages through the build-up of fishing capacity, the exploitation of new grounds (primarily in the Arctic) and the application of scientific and technological advance to the art of finding, catching and processing fish. The specific problems to be attacked were whether the Bear Island fishery could have an adverse effect on the Arcto-Norwegian cod stock, and whether climatic changes had played an important role in the development of Arctic fisheries.

Lee's first contribution — the quarterly monitoring of hydrographic change along standard sections west and southwest of Bear Island for a period of a decade from 1949 — was a novel response to the new realisation that the physical environment of the fishery was subject to radical change from year to year, and to the conviction that the fluctuations in fish stocks from one year to another were in some way governed by environmental change. From 1965 to 1977 Lee was successively deputy director and then director of Fishery Research.

In 1969 Arthur Lee was the recipient of the Back Grant, awarded by the Royal Geographical Society for his oceanographic work in Arctic regions. By that time his work was focused primarily on home waters, with two particular aims: first, with the beginnings of negotiations required to advance the UK's position under the Common Fisheries Policy of the EEC; second, from the mid-1960s, the initiation of reviews of the character, toxicity and fate of a wide range of contaminants in coastal waters.

Arthur Lee's principal contribution to the studies of the fate and dispersal of contaminants lay in his role as a co-founder of the Joint North Sea Information System which began the establishment of arrays of moored long-term oceanographic data stations in the North Sea in support of dispersion modelling. He occupied many posts in the administration of ocean science within the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, particularly those concerned with combating marine pollution. He was later concerned with popularising oceanography and illustrating the complexities of sea-use by the compilation of atlases. His contributions were acknowledged by his appointment as CBE in 1979.

After his retirement a year later, Arthur Lee occupied himself with voluntary work for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, acting as chairman of the North Suffolk branch, 1987-93.

His book, *Origins and Development of the Directorate of Fisheries Research*, was published in 1992. In 1991 the intellectual stamina of Lee and four other septuagenarians was recognised by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea through the holding, in their honour, of an international symposium on hydrobiological variability at Mariehamn, capital of the Åland Islands in the Baltic, where Pettersson and Ekman had first begun the monitoring of hydrographic variability some 100 years earlier.

He is survived by his wife Judith, and three daughters.

EDWARD DUKE

Edward Duke, actor, died from cancer on January 8 aged 40. He was born on June 17, 1953.



EDWARD DUKE was an English actor, better known in America, who spent most of his short career touring with a one-man show, *Jeeves Takes Charge*. Based on four separate P. G. Wodehouse stories, Duke devised the show in the late 1970s as a vehicle which he hoped would gain him an entrée into the world of television. It opened in southwest London in 1979 and went down so well that Duke decided to stick with it. He was awarded the Laurence Olivier Award for Most Promising New Actor as a result the following year.

Jeeves Takes Charge was an effective showpiece for a clever actor, and one for which Duke was physically well-suited — tall, stately and poised, he gave the impression, even offstage, of belonging to a bygone age. With only the curl of a lip, the addition of a monocle, and the use of a voice that slid effortlessly up and down the social scale, Duke could transform himself into a dozen characters — the disaster-prone Bertie Wooster, the masterly Jeeves, the newt-fancier Gussie Fink-Nottle, and the implacable Aunt Augusta. And though he was completely alone on stage, save for a few cardboard cutouts which filled the Drones Club, he often seemed to be in three places at once.

Edward Le Bas Hare Duke was one of five children of a diplomat. His father first read Wodehouse to him when he was seven — a happier childhood memory than his time at the Jesuit school, Stonyhurst, in Lancashire, from which he was expelled. When his father was posted as cultural attaché to Japan, Duke was sent to an American high school in Tokyo, but spent most of his time watching kabuki theatre from the wings. Duke later incorporated the compressed, emblematic gestures, and the quick costume changes of kabuki into his show.

After studying drama at the Arts Educational Trust, he found various comic and musical roles in the provinces. He first had the idea of adapting some Wodehouse stories for the stage in 1977 and spent the next two years researching, writing and rehearsing. The show premiered in a room above the King's Head, Putney, in 1979 to an audience of four — one of whom was Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Lloyd Webber had recently had a flop with a musical called *Jeeves* but was still attached to the idea of dramatising Wodehouse and hence decided to present Duke in the West End instead. The show transferred to the Fortune Theatre and to Wyndham's Theatre, and subsequently toured abroad — Australia, Taiwan and America, where it stayed for seven years — before returning to Wyndham's in 1987.

In this country Duke was rarely asked to play anything beyond the upper-class booby, and was much in demand for Noël Coward revivals. Even within these constraints his career in the last few years looked set to take off. His Victor in *Private Lives* at the Aldwych in 1990 — never the most rewarding part — was described by one critic as "a wonderful piece of solid English beef". He toured with Arthur Wing Pinero's *Trelawny of the Wells* in 1992 and Coward's *Relative Values*, before it transferred to the Savoy last year (he was too ill to continue in the London run). His film work included small parts in *The French Lieutenant's Woman* (1981), *Invitation to the Wedding* (1985), and the not-yet released *Decadence* with Joan Collins. He was unmarried.

CHARLES MOORE

Charles Moore, architect, died following a heart attack in Austin, Texas, on December 16 aged 68. He was born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, on October 21, 1925.

THROUGHOUT his career, Charles Moore was an implacable opponent of the abstract quality of modern architecture, with its reliance on pure geometric forms. Buildings, he believed, should reflect the particular circumstances of their place and use. "If buildings are to speak, they must have freedom of speech," he wrote in 1978.

Moore practised what he preached, designing such controversial projects as the Piazza d'Italia in New Orleans — a festive collection of semi-circular colonnades, neon arches and fountains — and the Faculty Club at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

But beneath the whimsy which characterised much of his later work lay a more serious purpose: the creation of new images for community life in the age of the automobile. This inspired one of his most important projects, a vacation resort built along ten miles of the Pacific coast north of San Francisco, known as Sea Ranch. Sea Ranch, with its clusters of pitched-roof, redwood-clad houses merging into their cliffside site like natural outcrops, gained Moore international fame and became the model for many suburban communities. Moore, said one critic, had raised the form of the simple shed to architectural grandeur.

Educated at the University of Michigan and at Princeton, Moore successively led the architecture departments at the universities of California (at Berkeley), Yale and Texas, and published eleven books, some of them co-authored, including *The Place of Houses* (1974) and *The City Observed: Los Angeles* (1984).

IVAN KOZLOVSKY

Ivan Kozlovsky, leading Russian tenor of his day, died on December 21 aged 93. He was born on March 11, 1900, in the Ukraine.

POSSESSOR of one of the century's most beautiful tenor voices, Ivan Kozlovsky was famed throughout the Soviet Union for his appearances in both opera and recital. A member of the Bolshoi company for some thirty years, he had a repertory of more than sixty roles. He continued to sing regularly well into his seventies, and in 1990 — to celebrate his 90th birthday — came out of retirement to sing the cameo role of Monsieur Triquet in *Yevgeny Onegin* at the Bolshoi, a moment of powerful sentiment, deeply moving his audience.

Kozlovsky was a connoisseur's singer. Nobody knew better than him how to spin out a line, hold a note to its utmost limit, caress a phrase lovingly. That could lead him into the kind of self-indulgence that appalled the purists — and some of his readings on disc certainly overstep the bounds of vocal decency — but the heady sound of his voice and the tenderness of his accents were enough to beguile all but the most fastidious ear for the best part of his career.

Kozlovsky graduated from the Kiev Academy of Music in 1920 having already made his debut on stage at Poltava in 1918. He made his official debut at the Kharkov Opera in 1923 and moved to Sverdlovsk in 1925, finally making it to the Bolshoi in 1926, where his first appearance was as Alfredo in *La traviata*. He was immediately placed under contract. From then on for most of the ensuing thirty years he was leading tenor with the company, admired particularly as Lensky (*Onegin*), Lohengrin, Werther, and the Fool in *Boris Godunov*. He was by all accounts a fine actor.

From 1938 to 1941 Kozlovsky had a company of his own, and appeared with it as principal tenor, notably as Gluck's Orfeo. During the mid-1930s he toured extensively and successfully with the legendary soprano, Nezhdanova, then in her sixties, and they made a number of discs together that have become collector's pieces. Altogether Kozlovsky left a large legacy of recordings, including complete sets of *La traviata* and Gounod's *Romeo et Juliette*, both sung in Russian and each displaying his gifts during his prime.

Because Kozlovsky never appeared in the West, his records have assumed appreciable significance over the years as the only way of judging his spectacular prowess. Among the most compelling are his interpretations of Russian songs. With their vein of fatalistic sentiment, they are perfectly tailored to his kind of plangent tone and expressive lyricism.



Kozlovsky as Prince Igor in the late 1940s

BRIGADIER ARTHUR PHAYRE

Brigadier Robert Arthur Phayre, DSO, former Commander Royal Artillery for Scotland and Northern Ireland, died on December 31 aged 92. He was born on January 4, 1901.

ARTHUR PHAYRE (as the Army knew him) won his DSO in the Normandy landings half-a-century ago and was decorated in the field by Montgomery.

The 147 Essex Yeomanry, which he had commanded since 1942, was with 231 Brigade on the right of the British line as the Allies launched their long-awaited assault on German-occupied Europe in June 1944. Converted from a cavalry to an artillery role after the First World War, the Yeomanry — a Territorial Army unit — was equipped with self-propelled 25-pounders which were there to support the invasion force on Gold beach.

This also included the 47th Royal Marine Commando, who were detailed to close the gap between Gold and the American troops on Omaha ten miles away. On nearing the beach a marine landing-craft struck a mine and sank, the only injury being to the BBC war correspondent Howard Marshall. Despite being wounded, Marshall won Phayre's admiration by broadcasting on the 9 o'clock BBC news that night.

In the battle over the village of Le Hamel, a German gun housed in a blockhouse destroyed several tanks belonging to the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry. Phayre ordered up one of his 25-pounders which silenced the enemy resistance with two rounds, allowing the advance to continue. The blockhouse now comprises a memorial to the Essex Yeomanry.

The regiment suffered heavy casualties in supporting the 1st Hampshires during the capture of both Le Hamel and Arromanches. Phayre himself was lucky to survive while taking part in the attack on Bayeux, where German snipers threw two hand grenades from a barn, which landed close to him — but fortunately left him unscathed.

On leaving the Essex Yeomanry Phayre was promoted to Commander Royal Artillery (CRA) of 11th Armoured Division, a job which he kept until after the war, when he took over command of the 2nd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (RHA) in Italy.

He then went to India as CRA with the 5th Indian Division during the period leading up to Indian independence. From India Phayre went to Tripoli as CRA of the 2nd Army Group Royal Artillery (AGRA) which moved to the canal zone when trouble broke out in Palestine. His last appointment was that of CRA to the late General Sir George Erskine, General Officer Commanding British Forces in Scotland and Northern Ireland. He retired in 1954.

Arthur Phayre — who was known as Robert to his family — was the son of Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Phayre and was educated at Wellington and the Royal Military Academy Woolwich ("the Shop"). He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1921.

He served with F (Sphinx) Battery RHA at Aldershot and St John's Wood in the 1930s and was responsible for the RHA drive at the Royal Tournament in 1934 — for which he was personally congratulated by King George V.

In retirement he was made a deputy lieutenant of Warwickshire in 1974 and a freeman of Shrewsbury in 1979, and was closely involved with St John Ambulance. He was the organisation's county director for Warwickshire, 1967-76, and vice-chairman of the council, 1972-79, and was also a Knight of Grace of the Order of St John.

He was an accomplished cricketer and rugby footballer. Cricket captain of the RMA Woolwich as a cadet, he went on to play for the MCC, the Free Foresters, Oxfordshire and the Royal Artillery. He was also vice-captain of the RMA rugby XV, played for the Harlequins and the Army and turned out for the RA hockey team.

He was a fine horseman who was highly successful at point-to-points in his youth and in later life was keen on racing, shooting and fly-fishing.

In the Army, Phayre had the reputation of being a disciplinarian, who could appear brusque and was never afraid of speaking his mind. But those who knew him well said he had a twinkle in his eye and no one questioned his professionalism.

He never married.



PERSONAL COLUMN

FOR SALE

WEDDING MORNING SUITS DINNER SUITS EVENING TAIL SUITS
SURPLUS TO HIRE BARGAINS FROM £80
Limmers Hire Department 22 Charing Cross Rd London WC2 Nr Leicester Sq Tube. 071 240 2310

ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA Leather bound. Cost £1,800 Stand new £850. 0903 244631

OLD & NEW york, french, & pennant stone flagstones, floor tiles, stone troughs, victorian kerbs, cobble sets etc. Nationwide deliveries 0560 850039 (W/End)

OLD & NEW york, french, & pennant stone flagstones, floor tiles, stone troughs, victorian kerbs, cobble sets etc. Nationwide deliveries 0560 850039 (W/End)

RUSSIA library of more than 4,000 titles 1946-1985, in Russian from the Foreign Office library. Theme - information of every kind on post war Russia. This page translated and transliterated. Unique research material. Each volume specially bound. Price £15,000. Further details or inspection on request. Tel: 0263 77235.

SPARE Telegraph holiday tokens. 0860 892513

THE TIMES - 1791-1993 other titles available. Ready for presentation. Also "Sundays". Remember When. 081-686 5323.

GIFTS

A BIRTHDATE Newspaper. Original. Superb presentation. Open 7 days a week. Freephone 0800 906609

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

PIANO SALE NOW ON
Bluthners
8, Berkeley Square, London W1. Tel: 071-753 0533.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

PHELPS PIANOS Est 1895. Fine selection of Uprights & Grands. New & S/H for sale or hire option to buy from £20pm. Service throughout the UK. Traditional piano restorers call 071 485 2042 for brochure. Jan Sale now on!

PHELPS PIANOS Est 1895. Fine selection of Uprights & Grands. New & S/H for sale or hire option to buy from £20pm. Service throughout the UK. Traditional piano restorers call 071 485 2042 for brochure.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

CANADA, USA, S. Africa, Australia, N.Z., Europe. Good discount fares. Longmore Int'l. 081 686 1101. ABTA 73196

WEEKEND BREAKS. Depart any day. Call the experts at White Rose 081 748 8484 today 071 792 1199.

WINTER BREAKS Holidays/flts. Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Malta, and Morocco. Pan World Hols. 071-734 2602 Abta A162 1438

LONG-HAUL TRAVEL SPECIALISTS
ABTA 52240 LOWEST PRICES GUARANTEED OR YOUR MONEY BACK!
CORSAIR TRAVEL
081-514 3388
OPEN 9am to 7pm MO-SAT

PORTUGAL

PORTUGAL. All areas. Villas/apts., hotels, pousadas, golf hols., flights. Longmore Int'l. 081 686 1101. ABTA 73196

WINTER SPORTS

JAN Chalet bargains. St Anton, Stuben, Zermatt, Les Gets, Les Contamine, St Martin, Ski Total 081-940 6922. ABTA 59/80

RENTALS

A.M.A. INTERNATIONAL Luxury flats for long, short or holiday lets. Mayfair, Marble Arch and Hyde Park. 071 724 4844

BATTERSEA Large 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom flat in complex with leisure centre. £820 pcm. Tel 0602 687115 (9-5).

BATTERSEA Superb 3 bd hse, nr park, gdn, luxury interior £220pw 071 498 0888 !

RENTALS

BELGRAVE PARK NW8 newly refurbished, 3 bedroomed duplex/fully furnished to a high standard, suit professional single/couple. Close to city. £350 pw. Tel 071 486 9991

CAMBERWELL, spac 3/4 bed hse, sunny gdn, 10 mins direct train City/Vics, furn/unfurn £1,000pcm Tel: 071 737 6305

CLIFFORDS INN (off Fleet St). Ideal for City, West End & Thameslink. Delightful high quality flat for company let now available. Large reception/dining room, double bedroom, maid service, 24hr porter £650pw Minimum 6 months let 071 222 2734 (Monday-Friday)

HAMPSTEAD HILL. Elegant flat on 1st floor in period hse. 2 bedrms & lge recept. £190 pw. Incl. Long let. Tel: 0748 823241. Wkend 071 226 0063

KENSINGTON/CHELSEA. Large selec of quality properties £180-£900pw. Chard Associates 10-7pm 071 938 2605

PUTNEY SW15. Property urgently required for companies & professionals Centre Management 081 780 2287

SUE LUTTRIDGE Urgently require quality flats & houses for overseas tenants 081 344 6148

WC1/Covent Gdn Lux 2 bed flat, porter, mins tube, f/furn & equipped £320pw Bruny 071 379 4816

WI Large 1 bed flat in Gloucester Place. Available Immed £225pw 071 486 2485 !

TICKETS FOR SALE

TICKETS FOR SALE
When responding to advertisements readers are advised to establish the face value and full details of tickets before entering into any commitment. Most sports tickets are subject to strict re-sale and transfer rules.

ERIC CLAPTON 5 NATIONS RUGBY STING,
Sunset, Phantom, Cats, Les Mis, Joseph, Grease
All Premier league soccer
All pop, sport and theatre
071-323 4480

ABSOLUTELY All Best Seats U840. Sting, Clapton, all sold out events OC Holiton 071 930 4410 or 071 930 4431.

TICKETS FOR SALE

ALL AVAIL. Phantom, Grease, Sunset, Clapton, Soccer, Rugby. For sale/wanted. 071 485 6185.

ALL BEST TICKETS. Sunset, Phantom, Saigon, Clapton, All sport. 071 839 2122. cc's.

ALL TICKETS Sunset & Phantom, concerts & sporting events. All Rugby bought & sold Tkts 071 287 2701 / 071 287 2709 / Fax 071 734 0660.

ALL TICKETS, Sunset, Phantom, Clapton, Rugby, World Cup '94, All major events. Tkts 071-928 0088/930 0800 CCs.

ALL TICKETS. Phantom, Sunset Blvd, Les Mis, Saigon, Cats, All sports. 071 706 0363 or 0366

TICKETS Bought/Sold. Rugby 5 Nations, all football, Sunset, Phantom, Grease etc. Clapton, U840, Bee Gees 071 488 4414

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKINSON'S DISEASE CAN BE ANYBODY'S DISEASE
YOU CAN HELP TO MAKE IT NOBODY'S DISEASE
You needn't be famous. Men and women all over the world suffer from Parkinson's Disease. There is no known cure. Researchers need your help. So do more than 100,000 sufferers in this country alone. Please send a donation, a covenant or leave us a legacy. You can even phone your donation by Access or Visa to 071-383 3513.
PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY
22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA. Tel: 071-383 3513

PUBLIC NOTICES

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY
Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL COURT OF GOVERNORS of the Corporation will be held at St. Thomas' Hospital, London SE1 at 3.15 pm on Thursday 16th June 1994, to receive the Annual Report of the Committee of Management, to elect Governors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may be necessary.
Notice also given that COURTS OF GOVERNORS, if required, will be held at 2.25 pm on the following Wednesdays in 1994:- 19th January at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich; 20th April, 20th July and 19th October at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London EC3.
29 King William Walk Greenwich, SE10 9HX.
Cristina O'Halloran General Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BENSON, LEONARD GEORGE BENSON late of Barking, Essex died there on 9 January 1993. (Estate about £40,000)
BUCKLEY, LILIAN EMILY ALICE BUCKLEY SPINSTER late of Kingston, Surrey died there on 21 February 1993 (Estate about £4,000)
GOLDSTEIN nee SIMM, ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN nee SIMM WIDOW late of Harrow, Middlesex died there on 3 May 1991 (Estate about £25,000)
HUNT nee SYKER, VICTORIA MAUD HUNT nee SYKER WIDOW late of Lewisham, London SE13 died at Gillingham, Kent on 1 August 1992 (Estate about £7,000)
JOANNOU, JOANNOU otherwise ANDREAS JOANNOU late of Putney, London SW15 died there on 10 August 1992 (Estate about £10,000)
JONES, CHARLES HENRY JONES late of Kidderminster, Worcestershire died there on 22 May 1993 (Estate about £15,000)
NOSEK, IWAN NOSEK otherwise JAN NOSEK otherwise JOHN NOSEK late of Bradford, West Yorkshire died there on 19 November 1964 (Estate about £7,000)
PAICE nee O'SHEA, BRIDGID PAICE otherwise BRIDGET PAICE otherwise BRIDGET MARY PAICE nee O'SHEA WIDOW late of Surbiton, Surrey died at Epsom, Surrey on 6 April 1989 (Estate about £18,000)
PEREIRA, ERNEST PEREIRA late of Highgate, London N6 died there on 19 June 1993 (Estate about £6,400)
SCHULTZ otherwise JUNENICKEL, WILLIAM SCHULTZ otherwise WILLIAM JUNENICKEL late of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire died there on 17 December 1991 (Estate about £13,000)
SHELLEY, JOHN ASQUITH SHELLEY late of Shoreditch, London E2 died there on 4 June 1992 (Estate about £8,000)
WHITTINGHAM nee CARROLL, formerly SKELEY, EDITH RUTH WHITTINGHAM nee CARROLL formerly SKELEY WIDOW late of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey died there on 7 March 1993 (Estate about £50,000)
WOOD, CLIVE WILLIAM WOOD otherwise CLIVE WOOD late of Hull, Humberside died there on 12 January 1993 (Estate about £40,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, stating which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

WANTED

ALL MASONIC Articles, Regalia, Jewels, Watches, Books etc. Wanted. 071 229 9418

20,000 THREATENED WITH STARVATION IN THE WESTERN ISLES.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
STORNOWAY, DEC. 12

I have seen this week corn standing in sodden stooks in Lewis, and hay brack unwholesome and uncut in Skye. Most serious of all is the failure of the potato crop. Potatoes are the staple food of the islanders. This year they are as small as marbles or large, soapy, and diseased. The agricultural authorities complain that the crofters have been guilty of culpable negligence in not spraying the potatoes to prevent blight. There may be justice in their charge of apathy and inertia, but one has to see the conditions in the crofting areas to realize the disheartening nature of the struggle. It is the unkindest land in the United Kingdom, and the crofts are too small and unfruitful to maintain one family, much less the two or three families who squat upon each of them. What usually happens is that the wives work the crofts while the men and girls go off to the fishing; but the profits from the herring fishing have been so small during the last two years that some of the men, after three or four months' absence from

ON THIS DAY

January 13 1923

A summer and autumn which saw only 20 dry days was largely to blame. But even in normal years living was harsh and offered little reward. Emigration provided an escape — 500 people left Lewis for Canada and Australia in 1922.

Lewis, have had to borrow their fares back to Stornoway.

A bitter cause of complaint is the amount of illegal trawling that is going on within the three-mile limit. In this way the former prosperous inshore white fishing has been ruined. There is only one fishery parrol boat for the whole of the west coast, and it is naturally easy to elude such control and reap the rich harvest that lies among the banks near the shore. From time to time the offenders are caught and fined the maximum £100, together with confiscation of gear. But still the offence continues without abatement.

Captain W.S. Morrison, the Unionist candidate at the election, informed me that at the island of Barra, he saw a trawler with its trawl down, which had worked in so close to the shore that it actually was aground.

Ninety per cent of the male population are ineligible for unemployment benefit. Only 350 out of a population of nearly 30,000 are receiving the so-called dole. About 400 others are on road work, many of them at great distances from their homes, and they are sleeping in bell tents. But the Lewis people are accustomed to such rigours. To-day old women may be seen walking barefooted across the moors from the peat beds carrying on their backs creels of fuel weighing 70lb. or 80lb. for two or three miles. Women carrying fish to Stornoway walk barefooted till they get within reach of the town, and then halt and put on their boots. The plight of the children this winter is pitiable. Many of them are without boots. They go wet and barefooted to school with only barley bread and tea for breakfast. In ordinary circumstances they would get nothing else till 3 or 4 in the afternoon, but, thanks to private charity, the teachers are able to give them, in some places, though not in all, hot cocoa at noon. Their only other food is potatoes when they get home, and tea and bread for supper.

● Hitting it off overseas ● Parc des Princes to close? ● Peace on the pistes

Agents get a slice of golf action

■ British golfers are combining warm-weather golfing trips abroad with exotic holidays such as safaris

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

A GROWING number of British golfers are heading for overseas destinations this month in an attempt to escape the cold and wet weather.

British Airways Holidays, Britain's biggest operator selling golfing holidays, reports that demand for short and long-haul golfing packages this winter is up by 70 per cent.

Brian Eustace, golf product manager of BA Holidays, says: "Demand has never been stronger and we have increased our long-haul capacity this year by 10 per cent. The British, it seems, are hooked on taking golf holidays, sometimes as far afield as Thailand and Tobago."

Thomson Holidays and Thomas Cook report similarly strong demand for golfing holidays. Andrew Jones, the marketing manager for Going Places, the travel-agency group, says: "Golf enthusiasts realise that they can combine their passion for the sport with a holiday in the sun. Golfers are finding that green fees can be lower in a foreign resort and that weather prospects for uninterrupted golf are far better."

Most golfing excursions at this time of the year are to the sunshine destinations of Spain and the Algarve, although France is still popular. Most of the 70,000 Britons who take an overseas golf package each year, usually as a second or third holiday, go to the Continent.

First-time golfers are also a growing trend, reports Thomson. It offers learn-to-play weeks at the Atalya Park Hotel on the Costa del Sol, for example, costing £66 for the golf tuition plus the price of the holiday (£493 a person, half-board for departures this month).

More experienced golfers at this hotel can join a golf clinic, limited to no more than ten players, for the first five days of their holiday at a cost of £148, on top of the holiday price.

Thomson also offers golfers a variety of pre-bookable initial "golf packs", which can come with green-fee discounts of up to 50 per cent and guaranteed morning tee-off times. Prices for the golf packs start at £54 for two rounds on the Costa del Sol, at the Mijas-Los Olivos and Torrequebrada Campo de Golf de Malaga courses.



HUGH BOUTLEDGE

The La Manga golf course in Spain: more than 70,000 Britons take an overseas golfing holiday package each year

But while most golfers go only to southern Europe for their golf, a growing number are venturing further. Kenya is one of the most popular long-haul destinations, often combining sunshine golf with a safari, where they can see the wild animals after "shooting" an eagle, a birdie or an albatross on the golf course.

Ash Sofat, the managing director of Somak Holidays, says that there has been a shift this year "towards small groups — maybe two couples going together — rather than the big golfing parties we have seen in the past".

Somak uses the Windsor Golf & Country Club in Nairobi, where a six-night holiday starts at £700 a person.

Other new long-haul destinations attracting golfers are Dubai, Bangkok and South Africa. In America, Florida's popularity is waning and South Carolina is the fastest-growing golf destination among British tour companies.

The top two South Carolina golfing destinations are Myrtle Beach in the north and Hilton Head Island in the south. The Hyatt Regency on Hilton Head Island, for example, offers three courses aimed at the novice and seasoned player, as well as the opportunity to play on other local courses.

Hyatt recently carried out a survey of more than 400 golfing executives and found, perhaps not surprisingly, that their behaviour while playing was similar to that in the boardroom.

More than a third of those surveyed admitted cheating on both the golf course and in their work.

Ski-bums frozen out

BY GRAHAM DUFFILL

THE PLAGUE of the "ski-bum" is fast disappearing from much of the Alps as hard-working immigrants from former Yugolsavia take over chalet jobs.

In the past, hippies have invaded such chic centres as Chamonix, Verbier, Val D'Isère and St Anton and taken menial jobs in order to ski. Some illegally offer ski lessons and haunt the late-night bars, waking guests with rowdy scenes.

However, this season, St Anton, in the Austrian Tyrol, has discovered that it has successfully benefited from partial membership of the EC to rid itself of the problem. The European-wide freedom of work permits — valid in Austria — have increased internal competition for jobs to such a level that the hippies have been frozen out.

The large immigrant populations in Austria, particularly those originating from Slovenia and Croatia, have taken up the skiing jobs. Far from being rowdy, hotels and bars have found a pool of ideal employees who work hard to maintain their families in Europe and help relatives back home.

Stadium may get the boot

■ The future of Parc des Princes, the venue for Saturday's France and Ireland rugby match, is under threat

BY SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

WHEN the Ireland rugby team takes on France in the opening round of matches in the five nations championship at the Parc des Princes on Saturday, it may be making one of its last appearances on the famous ground. Thousands of supporters who regularly turn the event into an excuse for a long weekend in Paris will soon have to explore new, less attractive districts of the French capital in which to celebrate their team's triumph or drown their dismay.

The well-connected residents of the wealthy 16th arrondissement, in which the stadium stands, want it bulldozed, and the Parc now seems unlikely to survive beyond its centenary in 1997.

The demolition lobby is led by the powerful mayor of the 16th arrondissement. When Paris builds a new stadium at Saint Denis, in time for the World Cup in 1998, the campaigners want to build houses where the Parc now stands.

The first time the English came to Parc des Princes was in 1903. The visiting football team beat the home side 11-0 on the central lawn of what was then a racetrack.

The threat to the Parc has less to do with France's mixed home record as with its location, at the edge of the richest, most exclusive area of Paris. There have been three Parc des Princes, each on the same spot. The original racetrack appeared in 1897, the second, with seating for 6,000, was built in 1932 with no objections from the local residents. They did object, however, when the 50,000 all-seat stadium was built in 1972.

Jacques Devine, head of the local residents' association, says: "The first shock we got was when France played England at football in 1974. The supporters smashed 90 cars that happened to be on their way to the Parc. We'd never seen anything like it. Their behaviour was cretinous."

He excludes rugby fans from the charge of hooliganism but there are continuing problems with the supporters of Paris Saint-Germain soccer club who use the stadium. "The riot police, 1,200 of them, seal off the whole area," M Devine says. "We're like prisoners in our own homes."

So when the poor and left-wing suburb of Saint Denis was chosen as the site for a new, 80,000-seat stadium, the residents of the 16th saw their chance to force the Paris Saint-Germain football team to move to Saint Denis, bulldoze the Parc des Princes and build houses and a swimming-pool.

Hopes of saving the Parc rest on politics. If Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris, is to fight the 1995 presidential contest, he will have to build a broad-based campaign. This could lead him to alienate a small number of his supporters in the 16th arrondissement to appear a man of the people.

Smallest show on wheels

BY DAVID ALTHEER

FIFTY years after a master storyteller died, his name is luring thousands of visitors to what may be Britain's smallest "enterable" tourist attraction. Now it has sparked a move to revive a society founded in his memory.

George Bramwell Evens came to be loved by thousands of children for his nature talks broadcast on radio and published in books, in which he described nature rambles. Many stories centred on the Gypsy caravan he and his wife rebuilt. Macclesfield council spent £5,000 to restore it for display at Wilmslow.

Evens acquired a great knowledge of nature in his travels as a Methodist missionary to Irish navvies. He broadcast live from Manchester, creating a country atmosphere using bird and animal noises from sound archives.

In 1955, a Romany Society was formed to continue his work of stimulating interest in wildlife study, but the society faded out after ten years. Now the popular appeal of the tourist attraction has prompted Lesley Horton, a Stockport fan, to reform the society, and Macclesfield council is willing to co-ordinate efforts.



Storyteller George Evens's caravan: a tiny tourist trap

● *The caravan in South Drive, Wilmslow, is open from May to September on the second Saturday of the month, noon to 3pm. Admission is free. Anyone interested in the society should contact Olive Ambrose, Macclesfield community activities officer, on 0625 504 507.*

TRAVEL/FLIGHTS

TRAILFINDERS
LOW COST FLIGHTS WORLDWIDE
and up to 65% discount on hotels & car hire
Around the world from £715
Sydney return from £594
First class hotels from £35 per night
Call Trailfinders for the complete travel service.
Kensington:
(Longhaul) 071 938 3939 (USA & Europe) 071 938 3232
Earls Court:
(Longhaul) 071 938 3366 (USA & Europe) 071 937 5400
Manchester: 061 839 6969 Glasgow: 041 353 2224
Bristol: 0272 299000
ATOL 1458 IATA ABTA 69701

GERMAN TRAVEL CENTRE — Return Prices fr.
Berlin £105, Bremen £108, Cologne £87, Dresden £161, Dusseldorf £87, Frankfurt £87, Hamburg £115, Hanover £125, Munich £120, Munster £110, Nuremburg £148, Paderborn £110, Stuttgart £125, Leipzig £135
ABTA 80685 IATA ATOL 2977 GTC
071 836 4444
071 379 5212

FLIGHT BOOKERS PLC
AUSTRALIA £575 H. KONG £455 JO'BURG £419
NEW ZEALAND £655 DUBAI £359 CAPE TOWN £469
SINGAPORE £439 TOKYO £619 HARARE £499
BANGKOK £409 MEXICO £319 DELHI/BOMBAY £409
INSURANCE WORLDWIDE £21
LONDON-H.KONG-PHILIPPINES-THAILAND FROM ONLY £499
FOR USA FANTASTIC PRICES 071 757 2000
071 757-3000

Major's USA — Experience the Difference!
New York from £199 Florida from £179
California £279 Texas £274
Boston £215 Chicago £259
Las Vegas £279 Atlanta £224
Detroit £259 Denver £279
Washington £219 Seattle £279
SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP AT MALL OF AMERICA from £289 inc
Call for brochure
071 485 7017
+ airport tax

FLIGHTS
Prices from.
CANARIES FR £95, CYPRUS FR £169, GREECE FR £109, AUSTRALIA FR £825, FAR EAST FR £369, SPAIN FR £55, PORTUGAL FR £49, EURO CITIES FR £85, AMERICA FR £179, CARIBBEAN FR £269, S. AFRICA FR £435, CANADA FR £275, FUNCHAL FR £109, SKI FLIGHTS FR £99
VICEROY TRAVEL
0476 74111

CHEAP FLIGHTS
FARES FROM
Athens £99, Corfu £89, Portugal £69, Spain £65, Paris £75, Tel aviv £149, USA £175, Canada £179, Australia £499, Far East £349, Africa £239, Caribbean £299
Summer '94 Now booking
EMBASSY TRAVEL
0273 622410

SPREAD YOUR WINGS!! Virgin
EXCELLENT DISCOUNTS TO OVER 200 DESTINATIONS IN • FIRST • CLUB • MID • ECONOMY CLASS •
VIRGIN FLIGHTS RTN FR.
BOSTON £199, LOS ANGELES £249, MIAMI £199, NEW YORK £199, ORLANDO £199
VIRGIN FLY/DRIVE RTN FR.
MIAMI Two wks Fly/Drive £219, ORLANDO Two wks Fly/Drive £249, LANGELES Two wks Fly/Drive £299
VIRGIN ORLANDO VACATIONS
7 Nights Quality Inn Int. £299, 14 Nights Quality Inn Int. £349
VIRGIN SHORT BREAKS*
NEW YORK £299, BOSTON £259, LOS ANGELES £299
* inc. 2 nights First Class Hotel
FIND OUT HOW GOOD WE REALLY ARE!
AMERICANA PLAN AHEAD FARES FOR 1994/95 TO OVER 200 DESTINATIONS ON AMERICAN AIRLINES • BRITISH AIRWAYS/USAIR • CONTINENTAL • DELTA • KLM/NORTHWEST TWA • UNITED • FREE STOPOVERS • CHILD DISCOUNTS UP TO 50% • CRUISES AMERICA MOTOR HOMES • GREYHOUND PASSES • AMTRAK RAIL PASSES • AIRPASSES OVER 4000 TOP VALUE HOTELS AT EXCELLENT DISCOUNTS!!!
SPECIALISTS IN TAILOR-MADE VACATIONS/FLIGHTS TO: USA • CANADA • MEXICO • HAWAII • CARIBBEAN • SOUTH AMERICA
GO FOR IT! 071 637 8485
AMERICANA VACATIONS LTD, 4th FLOOR, BERKELEY HS., 239 REGENT ST., LONDON W1R 3AD. FAX 071 439 4848
OPEN 7 DAYS

LOWEST PRICES
ALICANTE ARRECIFE ORLANDO MALAGA TENERIFE FARO
GUARANTEED SIMPLY THE BEST DESTINATIONS
·DIRECT· LTD
CALL NOW ON
061 343 2192 — 071 820 1234

FLIGHT FINDERS
19 Old Court Place, London W8 4PF
(Near Kensington High St ⊖)
Retail Agents
FLIGHTS FROM £69 o/w £98 R/T
ITALY
Car hire from £21
Travel Insurance.
FREE HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Tel: 071-938 3933
FAX: 071-937 8158

INTER EUROPE TRAVEL LTD

prices from:	o/w	rtn	prices from:	o/w	rtn
AMSTERDAM		79	MILAN	79	129
BERLIN	114	142	MUNICH	99	153
BRUSSELS	85	104	NICE	129	129
C'PNHAGEN	115	142	PARIS	67	79
FRANKFURT	79	104	ROME	89	139
GENEVA		139	STOCKHOLM		175
LYON	93	149	VIENNA	114	159
MADRID	99	139	ZURICH	89	129

ALSO 2* & 3* HOTELS IN PARIS & NICE
(Ask for brochure)
MANY OTHER DESTINATIONS AVAILABLE
TEL: 071-630 5188 ext 15
FAX: 071-233 9141
83 BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD, LONDON SW1V 0JQ.
(VICTORIA STATION)
FULLY BONDED ATOL 2783

UP TO 60% DISCOUNT ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS WORLDWIDE
WORLD LINK
Agents for ABTA, ATOL & IATA consolidators
TEL: 071 538 8273

FOR THE BEST IN DISCOUNT SCHEDULED AIR FARES WORLDWIDE
FLIGHTPLAN SEAT SEARCH
Current return fares from:
NEW YORK £172, AUCKLAND £599, BANGKOK £369, JOYBURG £369, L.A. £269, SYDNEY £615, SINGAPORE £410, RIO £519
021 733 7370

ORLANDO USA
LOWEST PRICES
RING NOW! 061-881 5922
ABTA 19187

ALL GREEK ISLANDS
Flights and Holidays
From £99 inclusive
INFO/BROCH: 071 636 6968
SUNAFFAIR Atol 3359.

TRAVEL INSURANCE
UP TO 40% OFF HIGH STREET PRICES
SPECIAL RATES FOR FAMILIES & GROUPS
EUROPE £9 WORLD WIDE £19 UP TO 17 DAYS
CLUB DIRECT
0730 817533
WE'VE GOT IT COVERED!

★ USA ★
BIG SAVINGS
Also Bargain Flights to Canada
Flights • Flydrive • Motorhomes • Cruises • Tailormade Holidays • Hotels
CALL THE SPECIALIST
STATES SAVERS
Tel 0932 829233

PELICAN TRAVEL

AMSTERDAM	75	BERLIN	109
MADRID	95	NICE	125
PARIS	59	ROME	139
NEW YORK	169	FLORIDA	229
LOS ANGELES	235	HOUSTON	247
HARARE	449	LA VEGAS	289
HONG KONG	485	JO'BURG	369
SINGAPORE	395	KUALA LUMPUR	379
CARACAS	399	RIO DE JNEIRO	459
TOKYO	429	PORT OF SPAIN	515
PERTH	599	TORONTO	214
LUSOR	170	TEL AWV	199
SAN FRANCISCO	235	AUCKLAND	599
VANCOUVER	205	MONTEGO BAY	399

+ OTHER DESTINATIONS + CAR HIRE
081-643 4494
Retail Agents

CHEAP FLIGHTS WINTER/SUMMER 94
WE WILL NOT BE BEATEN ON PRICE!
MALAGA • PALMA • NICE
ALICANTE • TENERIFE
FARO • MAHON • TURKEY
GREECE • MALTA
ALL EUROPE
DEPT. FROM 16 UK AIRPORTS
From £69
GROUP/CHILD DISCOUNT
FLEETWAY
071 636 3488

FLIGHTS PLUS
FLIGHTS AND ACCOMMODATION
Nobody beats our prices!
Open 9am-9pm 7 days a week
061 343 2134

Austria
Vienna from £145
City Breaks
Carnival
Budget Hotels
AUSTRIA TRAVEL
071 222 0368
ATOL 068

THE TIMES
Due to the success of Travel Flights we are expanding the section, starting on Monday 3rd January we will be running a Flight Directory daily Monday to Saturday within the Personal Column.
For further information please contact Sandy Milne on 071 481 1989 EXT 288 or fax your copy to 071 787 7827



"Kevin does the most wonderful things with cornflakes."

2 week Flydrive
Motorhome holidays in Canada
from only £667 per person.

ROAM any part of Canada for 2 leisurely weeks, from the famous Reversing Falls of New Brunswick to the Thousand Islands ... from Lake Louise to the totem poles of British Columbia, in the comfort of a home on wheels. For details and full colour brochures contact us on one of the numbers below.

TITAN: 0800 387039
THOMAS COOK: 0800 461212
TRAVELPACK: 0800 512911
Canada A World of Possibilities
AIR CANADA A Breath of Fresh Air

● Right-to-fly row ● New service within the UK? ● Islanders take on the Vikings

FLYAWAYS

A cold comfort

☐ STA Travel (071-937 9921) is featuring three exotic destinations for 1994. Reykjavik, home to some of the world's most impressive thermal activity, is available from £335 return. The Pacific islands of Vanuatu and Niue start at £850 return and Zanzibar, on the East African coast, is offered at £550 return.

☐ AUSTRIAN Holidays (071-434 7399), the tours division of Austrian Airlines, has late availability fares to Innsbruck. The £169 return fare is available on Saturdays (January 15 until March 26) from Heathrow and Birmingham.

☐ TRAILFINDERS (071-938 3366) has a return fare of £464 to Hong Kong on China Airlines. Flights are via Frankfurt and Taipei and valid for departures from London, Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow until March 31.

☐ BRITTANY Ferries (0705 827701) has special excursion fares to France. Prices start at £19.50 per person and include free ferry travel for vehicles. Stays of up to 24 hours are permitted. Those wishing to stay for a night will find two-star hotels and ferry packages from £42 per person.

☐ IRONBRIDGE Youth Hostel (0952 433281) has two-night short-break packages available with the Severn Valley Railway. Steam buffs can opt for a half-day course at £155 a person or a full-day under steam at £255. Both courses offer full board accommodation at the Hostel, located within the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Complex.

Talks may settle airlines clash

■ Further discussions are to be held to try to resolve the dispute between LOT, the Polish airline, and British Airways

By Harvey Elliott

TALKS will be held today in an attempt to resolve an 11-week dispute that has grounded all direct flights between London and Warsaw, crippled business and tourist travel between Britain and Poland and cost the countries' two "flag carrier" airlines millions of pounds in lost revenue.

Business and leisure passengers travelling between the two countries are now having to fly via an intermediate airport — taking six hours to make the journey rather than two and a half — and paying up to twice as much.

Furious Polish residents in Britain blame British Airways for the dispute. BA, they claim, is guilty of unfair and ungentlemanly behaviour by refusing to help LOT, the fledgling privatised airline of Poland, to find its feet. As a result, vital air links with their home country have been wrecked.

The row centres on BA's demand to fly twice a day between Heathrow and Warsaw as, they claim, is now their right under an agreement signed between Britain and Poland in 1988.

Details of BA's plan were passed to LOT in mid-October, two weeks before BA's new winter schedule was to have been introduced.

LOT said it could not agree to the proposal and the British Department of Transport immediately banned LOT from flying into Heathrow. This automatically led to a ban on BA flights to Warsaw.

Andrzej Rode, LOT's general manager for Britain and Ireland, said: "It is a crazy dispute which cuts air services between two countries in this way. But had we just accepted their plan it would have doubled the capacity during the slack winter months when neither airline was making money or flying with full aircraft.

"It would have been devastating for the entire market and, more important, prevented us from developing fully our direct transatlantic services from Warsaw."

Polish officials believe BA has been trying to persuade Polish passengers to fly to and from America on BA services via Heathrow. Over the past three years LOT has shed its fleet of inefficient Russian-built aircraft and replaced them with Boeing jets and French turbo-props. It has targeted key aviation routes, including London, Frankfurt, Paris, New York and Chicago.

Mr Rode said: "Our transatlantic services represent a third of our revenue. If we are to grow and develop into a modern airline able to compete in the world, we must be allowed to build that niche." He claimed that BA was offering round-trip flights from Chicago to Warsaw via London for $499, at least $100 below the fare LOT could offer. Now that neither airline flies to Heathrow, LOT is able to operate direct transatlantic services free of BA competition.

The dispute has particularly angered Britain's 150,000 Polish residents. Dr Zigmunt Szkopiak, president of the Federation of Poles in Britain, said: "We are angry that the dispute has dragged on like this. Business was beginning to grow strongly between the two countries but even those companies prepared to pay the higher fares to go to Poland from London via Frankfurt or Amsterdam, are worried about the extra time it takes. And the many people who would normally visit their families have been unable to do so."

The timing of the announcement that flights would come to an immediate halt could not have been more inconvenient. Thousands of Poles had returned to their towns and villages to celebrate All Saints' Day on November 2. Suddenly they discovered there were no direct flights back to London and and were forced to seek other routes.

As news of the dispute spread, the number of passengers trying to fly between the two capitals fell sharply. In the five months to March last year, 66,000 people made the journey, filling almost 70 per cent of BA's available seats and triggering its decision to operate a second daily service. One of the main reasons for the drop was that fares, which had been available for £225 return, rose to a minimum of £392 and thousands decided they could no longer afford to make the journey.

The dispute threatens to damage trade between the two countries, which in 1993 was valued at £1.1 billion, 25 per cent up on 1992.

David Holmes, BA's industry-affairs director, said: "We do not want to harm LOT in any way and have tried very hard to reach agreement but it is abundantly clear that the growth in the market this winter is such that a second service is more than justified."



Peace on the ground, war in the air — foreign tourists and local people take tea in the sunshine in Warsaw

TRAVELOGS

Flying higher

BRITAIN's tour operators sold more than 14 million air holidays in the year ending September 1993 — 10 per cent more than in the same period in 1992. The average price paid by holidaymakers rose from £318 to £346 and produced total revenue for the industry of £4.9 billion, according to the Civil Aviation Authority.

The figures are likely to be even higher this year. Summer 1994 bookings by the end of November were an astonishing 66 per cent up on this time last year. Beach self-catering now forms the biggest share of the market, with 43 per cent, compared with beachside hotels at 41 per cent.

Paris break

THE Lancaster Hotel in Paris, owned by the Savoy Group, is offering a weekend break of two nights at £295 a person, which includes two nights in a double or twin-bed room, return flights by scheduled airline, continental breakfast, flowers and a bottle of champagne. Details, 071-872 8080.

Snacked out

MASS catering will put paid to the traditional British cafeteria, according to Egon Ronay, who has just published his three-monthly ratings of Heathrow and Gatwick snack bars and restaurants.

BAA's success with the same system at its Pittsburgh Airport operation led to the first American-style food court





at Gatwick, in which six small catering outlets compete for business next to one another.

Downhill crowds

THE SMALL Swiss resort of Mürren is buzzing this week in preparation for the 51st running of the Inferno downhill race. Starting in the early morning, 1,570 contestants will line up, two by two, for the 10km descent. The winner will finish nine minutes later. It attracts racers of all ages and abilities.

Less active skiers seeking late bookings may be interested in Ski La Vie's reduction in brochure prices by 10 per cent for departures on this and the following Saturday. A week's holiday at the Chalet Bergerette in Champéry will cost £287 a person, including return flights, transfers and catering with chalet girl.

Ski La Vie (071-736 5611) says demand is growing for "incentive" ski trips, excursions organised by companies to reward staff who have performed well, and now offers, for groups of four to 40 people, a week in the four-star Hotel de Champéry in the Swiss resort of the same name at £314 a head a week.

City success

A TOTAL of 245,313 passengers flew through London City Airport last year, a rise of 31.5 per cent on 1992. With the Limehouse link road reducing journey times, the economy improving and new airlines starting direct services, the loss-making venture may be heading into profit.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

THE TIMES
TRAVELEX
CURRENCY CALL SERVICE

THE TIMES has linked with Travelex, one of the world's leading currency service operators, to provide readers with the latest currency prices and the most efficient collection service.

By dialling one number, readers can obtain up-to-the-minute prices for any currency in the world and information on how to order and pick up their cash or travellers' cheques.

Callers can take advantage of all Travelex services, including the buy-back guarantee, which allows customers changing £300 or more to hand back up to 30 per cent at the same rate, commission free.

Currency ordered in advance can be picked up at Travelex outlets at all the main air and sea ports in Britain, including Heathrow, Gatwick, London City, Birmingham, Dover, Hull and Aberdeen, or sent directly to the customer by registered post. Details of the service will be carried regularly in *The Times*.

HOW TO USE THE CURRENCY SERVICE

To obtain the up-to-the-minute tourist rate of exchange and to contact the Travelex dealing desk, telephone:
0839 33 83 33

For a free list of codes, please phone T.I.S. plc 071-975 9000.
Calls cost 36p per minute cheap rate and 48p per minute at all other times.

The 12 key currencies below will be listed every Thursday in Travel News

Australia	2.10 $Aus	Germany	2.53 DM
Belgium	52.68 BFr	Holland	2.82 Fl
Canada	1.92 C$	Italy	2478 L
France	8.56 FFr	Japan	165.5 Y
S Arabia	5.54 SR		
Spain	208.0 Pta		
Switzerland	2.15 SFr		
USA	1.46 $		

Virgin seeks domestic routes

By Marianne Curphey

VIRGIN Atlantic wants to expand its services into the UK domestic network after successfully establishing a franchise on the London-Dublin route this week. The daily service from London City Airport in Docklands, East London, to Dublin is a joint venture between Virgin and Irish airline CityJet.

The two companies are offering five week-day return flights out of London City. There will be two return flights at weekends. Staff will be recruited in Ireland but trained by Virgin and the aircraft will feature the CityJet name on the side and the Virgin logo on the tailgate.

Richard Branson, Virgin's chairman, has indicated he will increase the number of flights should the service go well. Virgin is presently studying Edinburgh, Glasgow, Paris, Nice and some German cities as possible destinations for future schemes.

"London City Airport has really come of age and is a superb location," Mr Branson said at the launch of the Irish service. "This new route is something of an experiment for us, but if it goes well we could launch more services from London City."

Prices on the Dublin route — operated by two British Aerospace 146 jets — start at £99 return for a Super Budget ticket and £141 for a one-way Premier ticket.

It is a busy start to the year for Virgin, which built its reputation with low-cost flights between London and America. Next month it begins a Heathrow-Hong Kong service, followed by flights to San Francisco from Heathrow in May. Mr Branson said he was not concerned by recent price reductions announced by other airlines operating the Dublin-London route, including British Midland and Ryanair.

The launch of the new service has pleased London City Airport. William Charnock, the managing director, said the new route would mostly serve business travellers. He predicted that 1994 would be "even better than last year", when the number of passengers rose by 30 per cent to 250,000.

CityJet has the licence for the route and will use two 80-seat 146 Whisper jets in modified Virgin livery.

In an arrangement launched in March last year, Virgin linked with the independent Greek operator, South East European Airlines, and now operates a daily scheduled service from Heathrow to Athens.

Mr Branson also hopes the new Dublin service and the Virgin brand will provide London City Airport with more marketing clout to encourage City of London business executives to use the airport.



A Virgin CityJet, which is being used on the daily flights between London and Dublin

■ Richard Branson believes that his London to Dublin route will be the first of many new services in the British Isles

£100m for island's tourism

By Marianne Curphey

THE ISLE of Man is to invest £100 million in tourism over the next decade, including £5.3 million on a heritage site to rival the award-winning Jorvik Viking centre in York.

The new site is planned in the fishing village of Peel, while elsewhere on the island a golf and hotel complex, bowling alley, marina and railway museum are to be developed. The Peel project will emphasise Manx Celtic, Viking and maritime heritage.

The tourism department has set itself a target of a 5 per cent increase in visitors in 1994, on top of the 26 per cent rise in numbers it claims to have enjoyed last year, helped partly by the centenary of the electric railways.

However, Dennis Duggan, an Isle of Man Steam Packet Company spokesman, said: "I do not know where the tourist department got the figure of 26 per cent. Our bookings increased in 1993, but only by about 5 per cent, and I do not know whether that will be sustained this year."

Meanwhile the Manx Museum has revamped its exhibition on the island's history and added road signs to direct tourists to heritage sites.

The Isle of Man operator Everymann is offering new autumn-to-spring breaks featuring two to seven nights inclusive from £59 for two nights, sailing from Liverpool or Heysham with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, and at £99 with Manx Airlines from Liverpool or with supplements from other regional airports.

Manx Airlines is expecting to report a profit for 1993 and says the Isle of Man routes represent about 60 per cent of all business. Mike Bathgate, commercial director, said he expected business to increase by about 8 per cent this year.

Bar-coding could deter terrorists

By Marianne Curphey

A SECURITY system to keep track of passengers and luggage is being tested at Manchester airport, using supermarket bar-code technology.

In an attempt to eliminate the risk of terrorist attacks, travellers' tickets and luggages are tagged as they check in. Laser scanners register the location of passengers as they pass through the boarding gate and a computer alerts ground staff to anyone who has not shown up but whose luggage is aboard the aircraft.

Telxon, a company based in Poole, Dorset, which has developed the technology, says the system should put an end to lost luggage and unaccompanied baggage.

David Spokes, of Telxon, said: "It eliminates a major potential security risk because both the baggage label and the passenger tickets have identical bar-codes with flight destination details."

Scanning computers held by staff on the ground give instant data to allow them to retrieve luggage belonging to a passenger who has failed to board the flight.

Mr Spokes said: "Your bar-code is unique. Supermarkets and warehouses have been using bar-codes for a long time because the information being fed back to the main computer automatically alerts the system to order new stock. The airport technology works in much the same way."

A central computer system, installed by Ferranti, stores the information. Mr Spokes estimates that the basic system could be installed for between £10,000 and £15,000.

At the start of this year, the Department of Transport issued a circular requiring airports to be accountable for every piece of baggage checked through. An official said: "The system at Manchester airport is being implemented as a direct result of the standards set by the Government for airport safety.

"Every airport has to comply and this technology is one way of doing so. We have not set a date because it is still being developed and there are difficulties with different sizes of airports and different mixes of traffic."

Five nights in Singapore. It's a snip.

From £559

Here's an offer that's truly a cut above the rest. Fly with Singapore Airlines for a five night holiday in Singapore from just £559. (Offer valid Feb. 1st-June 30th 1994.)

For details of this and other packages, send this coupon to: Singapore Holiday Offer, PO Box-66, Clevedon, Avon, BS21 7QX or call 0345 330321.

Name
Address
Tel
T1381

Singapore
SINGAPORE AIRLINES

AUSTRALIA

Exclusive packages to the islands of the Great Barrier Reef - the 8th wonder of the World.

HAYMAN, LIZARD and BEDARRA ISLAND

3 nights with flights from Sydney from $397p.p incl. breakfast, room and transfers.

For more details on these and other destinations in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, call the specialists for a colour brochure:

0284 762255
Travel Portfolio Ltd ATOL
73 Churchgate Street, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1HL

£99 + FREE AVIS CAR RENTAL =

● TAP Air Portugal scheduled return flight; Heathrow to mainland Portugal.
● Free AVIS Group A car (time and mileage only, max. rental period 14 days).
● Children go for £69.
● Free transport of golf clubs.
● Last departure 28 Feb 1994.
● For details of this exciting offer call:

Portugaline
071-931 0200
or your local ABTA travel agent

AIR PORTUGAL

Caravela Tours Ltd. ATOL 1598. (*Compulsory car insurance, airport service charge, airport taxes not included.) Offer subject to availability.

THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY JANUARY 13 1994

NEWS

Howe savages Scott 'inquisition'

■ Lord Howe of Aberavon launched a blistering attack on the arms to Iraq enquiry, accusing its chairman, Lord Justice Scott, of acting as "detective, inquisitor, advocate and judge".

In his evidence the former Foreign Secretary challenged the whole basis of the investigation, complained that guidelines for official enquiries were being ignored and said that its conclusions might be rejected as a result ..... **Pages 1, 10**

Taxpayers better off with Healey

■ An average family will pay far more income tax and national insurance from this April than it would have done in 1978-9, the last year of a Labour government. Even a rich family with earnings four times the national average — or £78,000 — will surrender a bigger share than when Denis Healey was threatening to "squeeze the rich" ..... **Page 1**

Jobs setback

Prospects of up to 9,000 coal, banking and chemical jobs being lost dampened optimism about the economy following a fall of nearly 47,000 in the number of people out of work ..... **Page 1**

Basics debate

John Major is resisting pressure from ministerial colleagues for a cabinet debate today on his back-to-basics policy ..... **Page 1**

Whitewater enquiry

President Clinton bowed to political pressure inside his party by asking the Justice Department to appoint a special counsel to investigate the Whitewater allegations about an Arkansas financial scandal ..... **Pages 1, 13**

Safari boy held

The teenage offender sent to Africa on a £7,000 safari at public expense was ordered to return to the therapy centre that organised the trip. But a social services officer said he would not be going abroad again ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Woman soldier shot

A woman soldier was seriously injured in Belfast when an IRA gunman opened fire on an army foot patrol in a nationalist area of the city ..... **Page 2**

Patient safeguards

Tighter safeguards to avert incidents in which mentally disordered people have injured themselves or attacked others after being discharged from hospital were announced by Virginia Bottomley ..... **Page 4**

Troops not at risk

British troops would not be put at risk if Nato carried out its threat to use air strikes in Bosnia, John Major told MPs ..... **Page 10**

Sex ring alleged

Victims of a paedophile sex ring were threatened with drowning, shotguns and knives to stop them talking, a South Wales court was told ..... **Page 7**

Channel 4 defiance

Channel 4 has defended its right to broadcast obscene language. Michael Grade accused the Broadcasting Standards Council of being out of touch with public standards ..... **Page 8**

Top Twenty poets

A new generation of Top Twenty poets was introduced by a panel chaired by Melvyn Bragg for the Poetry Society ..... **Page 9**

Teachers accused

Teachers are being subjected to a rising tide of false and malicious allegations of child abuse, research suggests ..... **Page 9**

French U-turn

France has agreed to recognise Taiwan as part of China in a move that could weaken Britain's position over Hong Kong and allow France to take a larger slice of mainland business ..... **Page 11**

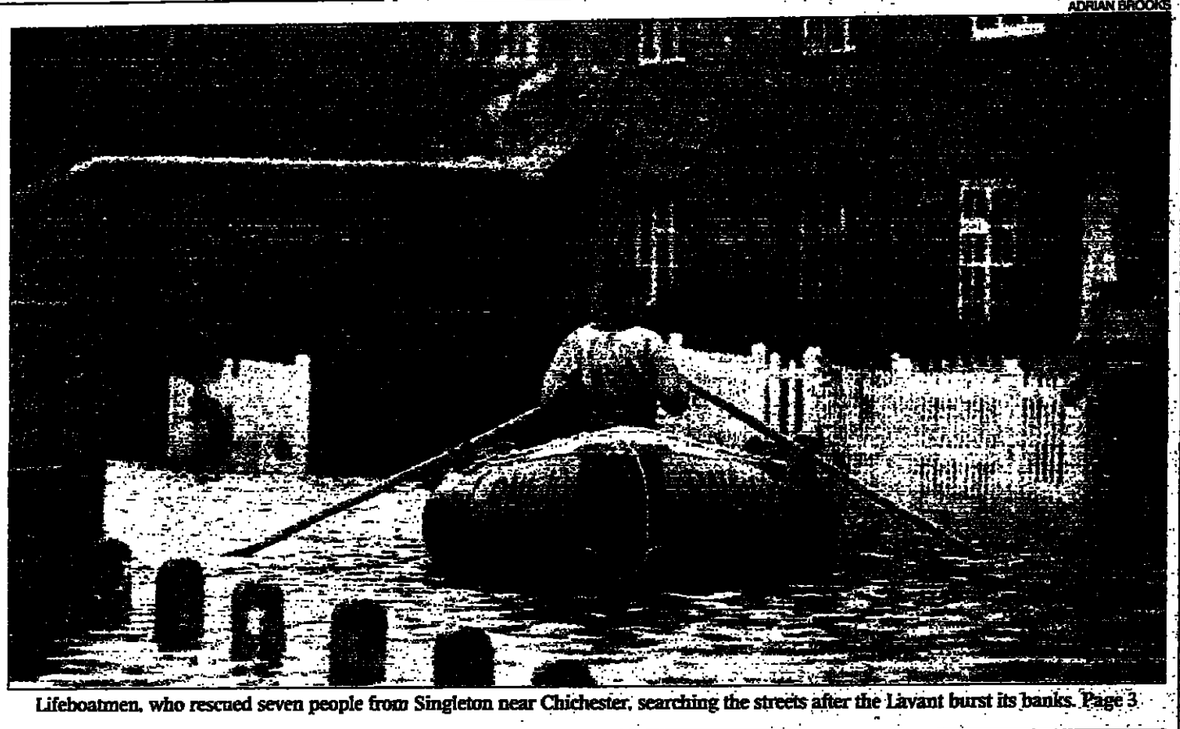
Europe vision

The pan-European vision may represent the most desirable future but it is not the most likely one. Security must be rooted in everyday life, writes Lawrence Freedman ..... **Page 12**

Sex case evidence heard in car park

■ A libel jury peered into a Range Rover in the High Court car park to help them decide whether Gillian Taylforth, the actress, was tending to her sick fiancé when apprehended by police for performing a sex act. The jury in the case brought by the *EastEnders* star against *The Sun* saw two re-enactments - one by the plaintiff and her fiancé and the other by journalists. **Page 3**

ADRIAN BROOKS



Lifeboatmen, who rescued seven people from Singleton near Chichester, searching the streets after the Lavant burst its banks. **Page 3**

BUSINESS

Pits close: British Coal is set to announce the closure of half a dozen pits next month — all of them previously thought to have been safe — with the loss of more than 4,000 miners' jobs ..... **Page 23**

Stock Exchange: John Kemp-Welch, joint senior partner of Cazenove & Co, is to be the next chairman. His appointment, follows months of speculation and one of the most traumatic periods for the exchange ..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 41.8 points to close at 3372.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 82.5 to 82.9 after a rise from $1.4903 to $1.5012 and from DM2.5934 to DM2.6071 ..... **Page 26**

SPORT

Cricket: Robert Croft scored 51 as England A won their one-day game against Griqualand West by 82 runs ..... **Page 39**

Golf: With the men's European tour teeing off in Madeira today, John Hopkins previews what lies ahead and looks forward to a season of variety ..... **Page 42**

Football: Caledonian Thistle and Ross County join the Scottish League next season, increasing the number of clubs to 40 ..... **Page 44**

Rugby: Louis Luyt, chairman of the organising committee of the South African Rugby Union, has been summoned to Paris to explain to World Cup officials proposals for the 1995 tournament ..... **Page 44**

Church hopping: The Church of Rome had always been the scarlet woman and when I became a Catholic my mother said she must have brought me up badly. Julia Llewellyn Smith ..... **Page 14**

Emotional stress: For doctors with the time to enquire, dreams can provide fascinating insights into their patient's experience of illness. Dr James Le Fanu ..... **Page 15**

Irish politicians: Roy Foster on Paddy Devlin and Walter Ellis on Gemma Hussey's fears of the Ulster Unionists ..... **Page 36, 37**

Cops and nappies: In *Undercover Blues* Dennis Quaid and Kathleen Turner play FBI agents on the hunt for an explosives thief — with their baby in tow. Other films include *Friends*, about three women — white, black and coloured — in 1980s Johannesburg ..... **Page 33**

Man of many songs: On the first of three sell-out Albert Hall appearances, Sting presented different images: the bobbing, weaving pop hopeful; the tight-lipped freeform jazzer; and the jacket-off, no-nonsense rock god ..... **Page 33**

Middlemarch triumph: With its George Eliot adaptation, the BBC has restored its reputation for costume-drama serial ..... **Page 35**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Laura Maxwell, a daughter-in-law of the *Mirror* publisher, says that he was lonely and believed no one loved him just before he died **Page 8**



President Walesa, a critic of Nato's *Partnership for Peace*, said: "It's been decided by the powers and we should try to make good use of it" **Page 12**



The Duchess of Kent will be accompanied by her husband and children when she is received into the Roman Catholic church tomorrow **Page 5**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Register of former parrots

■ John Cleese could have avoided that dead parrot but, like most people, he had never heard of the Register of Sellers of Dead Birds

Best points of point-to-points

■ The 1994 point-to-point season begins this weekend. Our guide looks at the record number of fixtures, the new venues and the promising young horses

Berkoff the provocative

■ Self-indulgent and loathsome, or a great original of the theatre? Steven Berkoff, whose film *Decadence* has provoked walk-outs, defends his words

TELEVISION

Clive Anderson launches a series of *Great Railway Journeys* by travelling from Hong Kong to Outer Mongolia (BBC2, 9.30pm). **Page 43**

COMMENT

Basic rates

Allowing for the impact of the economic cycle, the Treasury's tax take in the next four years will be the highest ever recorded in Britain's peacetime history ..... **Page 17**

Howe versus Scott

Lord Justice Scott should not be swayed by Geoffrey Howe's intemperate outburst ..... **Page 17**

New fizz for India

The present Congress government has decided, as part of its economic liberalisation, to allow the fizzy brown drink back ..... **Page 17**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The Act of Settlement would not now stand a determined assault. If Prince Charles wanted to become a Roman Catholic, which he does not, the Government could not enforce the Act of Settlement to prevent him coming to the throne. Such an act of religious discrimination would contravene the spirit of the age ..... **Page 16**

JANET DALEY

The dogma of the 1960s — that there were no absolute rules and that all the fixities of social life were simply barriers to self-fulfilment — is now thought to be in disrepute. In fact, it has been deeply absorbed into the body politic and the social attitudes of all classes ..... **Page 16**

Objections to car boot sales and how to overcome them ..... **Page 17**

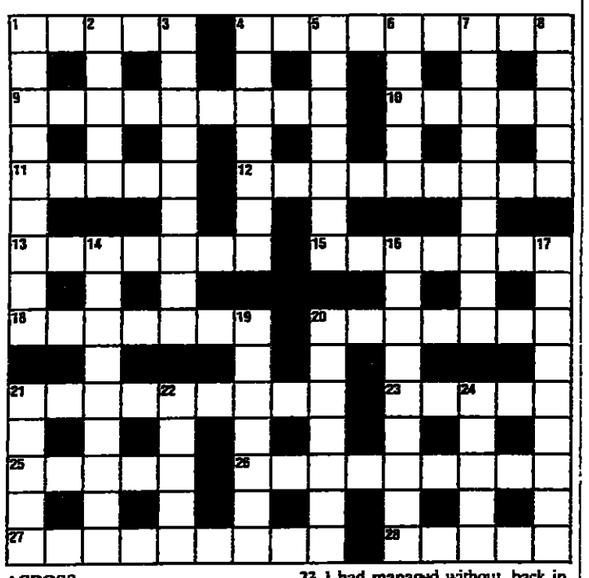
Nato may be heading for greater fragmentation. The US has yielded to France's ambitions for more independence of action for Europe ... France's rather contradictory goal is to win more power for itself while keeping the Americans on hand to do any serious fighting

— The Wall Street Journal

Stop me or I'll do something I regret, represents the general spirit of the international community faced with the Bosnian tragedy ... Like Pontius Pilate they wash their hands, saying: "I am not responsible for this blood," while never forgetting, for history's sake, to shout their indignation in denouncing Slobodan Milosevic

— Le Monde

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,438



ACROSS

1 Mum fell, chasing a hat (5).
4 One brought in to replace petitioner (9).
9 Somewhat stupid and unreasonable (1,3,5).
10 I am depressed without money to inspire (5).
11 Malefactor — one apprehended by the fuzz in the first place (5).
12 Give instruction to converts in the glen (9).
13 American writer about to be introduced to fat cat (7).
15 Somehow I used to appear dull (7).
18 After agreement, man with hawk's head becomes goat with lion's head (7).
20 One thousand and 3 in stand-off (7).
21 On watch in unstable foreign quarter (9).
23 I had managed without, back in the depression (5).
25 Dress up as a joke (5).
26 Psychiatrist needs time to account for pilfered goods (9).
27 Cricketers, approaching middle of test, pause for refreshments (9).
28 Antelope seen in eastern country (5).

DOWN

1 Clever Dick swots up about fiction (5,4).
2 A politician, I can always provide an excuse (5).
3 Old hat made from fruit (3-2-4).
4 Pay — it's stood over to await settlement (7).
5 A little fish cake? (7).
6 Prone to falsehoods (5).
7 Bird turning up in South America, not entirely capable of being classified (9).
8 Enter new order for small wooden articles (5).
14 Start to make a speech, having imbibed one drink (9).
16 Supply drug to milksop, and pay the penalty (2,7).
17 Men in the van are phased out (9).
19 Conservative dissociated from boozy parties and wakes (7).
20 Works 'ard in pubs (7).
21 Policemen quarter the wood (5).
22 Joint taken from an ungulate the wrong way (5).
24 Play doctor and nurse — that's not hard (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,457

D	U	T	C	H		M	I	L	L	S	T	O	N	E
I		H		O		E		I		A		V		N
S	H	E	L	L	B	A	C	K		F	I	E	L	D
A		T		I		N		E		A		R		U
V	I	A	N	D	S		L	A	C	R	O	S	S	E
O			A		M		C		I		P			
W	I	S	H	Y	W	A	S	H	Y		S	I	L	O
A		I		S		K		A		I		L		R
L	A	D	Y		B	E	D	R	A	G	G	L	E	D
		E		A		T		M		N			I	
R	I	B	A	L	D	R	Y		C	O	U	S	I	N
E		U		C		A		B		R		W		A
C	U	R	I	O		C	A	R	N	A	T	I	O	N
A		N		V		K		A		N		S		C
P	O	S	S	E	S	S	E	D		T	A	S	T	E

TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0891 500 followed by the appropriate code

Greater London	701
Kent, Surrey, Sussex	702
Dorset, Hants & IOW	703
Devon & Cornwall	704
Wilts, Glouc, Avon Somrs	705
Berks, Bucks, Oxon	706
Beds Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops, Hereffds & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin & Firth Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness, Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

Weathercall is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic and road-works information, 24 hours a day, dial 0336 401 followed by the appropriate code

London & SE traffic, roadworks	
Area within M25	731
Essex/Herts/Beds/Bucks/Berks/Oxon	732
Kent/Surrey/Sussex/Hants	734
M25 London Orbital only	736
National traffic and roadworks	
National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

AA Roadwatch is charged at 36p per minute (cheap rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday. Highest day temp: Yeovilton, Somerset 11°C (52F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland -2°C (28F); highest rainfall: Jersey 0.65in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne 4.2h

Tourist rates are on page 26

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have sunny or clear intervals and showers — frequent and heavy in the west, sparse in sheltered parts of eastern England. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers, scattered in the east. Feeling cold in the brisk southwest wind, although temperatures slightly above average.

☐ **SE, E, Cent N Eng, E Mids, E Anglia:** Sunny or clear intervals, scattered showers. Wind SW, fresh or strong. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Cent S, SW Eng, W Mids, S Wales, Channel Is:** Sunny or clear intervals and showers. Wind SW, fresh or strong, perhaps gale. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **N Wales, NW Eng, Lakes, IoM, Edinburgh and Dundee, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, Orkney and Shetland, N Ireland:** Showers, some heavy with hail and thunder, sunny or clear intervals. Wind SW, strong, perhaps gale. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Sunny or clear spells, scattered showers. Wind SW, fresh or strong. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **NW Scotland:** Frequent and heavy showers, perhaps longer periods of rain later. Wind SW, strong. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** Sunshine and showers. Becoming colder but less windy.

BRITAIN & ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; d=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright. (X = not available)

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Aberdeen	7	45	d	Dubrovnik	13	55	c	Luxembg	5	41	c	S Paulo	25	77	s
Ajaccio	9	48	f	Eastbourne	10	50	b	Luxor	23	73	s	Salzburg	4	39	c
Akrotiri	18	64	s	Edinburgh	8	46	sh	Madrid	6	43	f	Sandown	10	50	s
Alexandria	21	70	f	Eskdalemuir	5	41	r	Majorca	14	57	s	Santiago	28	82	s
Algiers	12	54	c	Exmouth	10	50	r	Malaga	14	57	s	Saurkn Snd	9	48	c
Amsterdm	6	43	c	Falmouth	11	52	r	Malta	16	61	s	Scarboro'	6	43	r
Anglesey	x			Faro	17	63	f	Manchester	7	45	r	Scilly Isles	10	50	sh
Aosta	7	45	r	Florence	11	52	f	Margate	8	48	r	Seoul	4	39	c
Athens	16	61	s	Folkestone	9	48	c	Melbrne	28	82	s	Shanklin	10	50	s
Aviemore	7	45	c	Frankfurt	5	41	f	Mexico C	16	61	s	Sing'por	x		
B Aires	31	88	s	Funchal	18	64	s	Miami	28	73	f	Skegness	x	x	s
Bahrain	23	68	s	Geneva	3	37	r	Milan	9	48	f	Southend	9	48	b
Bangkok	32	90	s	Gibraltar	15	59	s	Minehead	10	50	h	Southport	7	45	r
Barbados	28	82	c	Glasgow	8	46	r	Montreal	-14	7	sn	Southsea	10	50	r
Barcelona	13	55	s	Guernsey	11	52	d	Morecambe	6	46	r	Stockholm	-2	29	c
Beirut	20	68	f	Hastings	10	50	r	Moscow	-5	23	s	Stornoway	8	46	r
Belfast	7	45	r	Hayling I	x			Munich	1	34	c	Strasbrg	3	37	f
Belgrade	13	55	r	Helsinki	-6	21	sn	N Delhi	16	61	f	Swansea	10	50	sh
Berlin	2	36	d	Herne Bay	10	50	c	N York	1	34	r	Sydney	25	77	s
Bermuda	19	66	c	Hong K	31	70	s	Nairobi	26	79	f	Tangier	16	61	f
Biarritz	13	55	b	Hunstanton	9	48	r	Naples	12	54	c	Teignmouth	10	50	r
Birmingham	8	46	r	Innsbrck	3	37	s	Newcastle	7	45	c	Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Blackpool	7	45	f	Inverness	7	45	c	Newquay	x			Tenby	9	48	r
Bognor R	9	48	r	Isle of Man	8	46	r	Nice	11	52	f	Tenerife	19	66	c
Borde'x	13	55	f	Istanbul	13	55	f	Norwich	6	46	c	Tiree	7	45	sh
Bournem'th	11	52	sh	Jeddah	30	86	s	Nottingham	7	45	r	Tokyo	7	45	r
Bristol	8	46	r	Jersey	10	50	sh	Oslo	-3	27	sn	Toronto	1	34	sn
Brussels	6	43	f	Jo'burg	21	70	f	Paris	4	39	c	Torquay	10	50	sh
Budapst	7	45	c	Karachi	19	66	f	Peking	-3	27	f	Tunis	11	52	f
Buxton	6	43	r	Kinloss	7	45	c	Penzance	11	52	r	Tynemouth	7	45	r
Cairo	20	68	f	L Angeles	18	64	s	Perth	29	84	s	Valencia	14	57	s
Cape Tn	33	79	s	L Palmas	19	66	f	Plymouth	10	50	sh	Vancver	7	45	c
Cardiff	9	48	sh	Le Touet	5	41	f	Poole	10	50	r	Venice	10	50	r
Ch'church	17	63	r	Leeds	9	48	r	Prague	6	43	c	Ventnor	10	50	sh
Chicago	1	34	s	Lerwick	5	41	r	Reykjavk	7	45	r	Vienna	5	46	c
Clacton	7	45	b	Leuchars	6	43	r	Rhodes	16	61	s	Warsaw	4	39	c
Cologne	4	39	r	Lisbon	14	57	d	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wash'ton	4	39	f
Colwyn Bay	8	46	r	Littlehmptn	10	50	r	Riyadh	29	73	f	Wel'ngton	18	64	f
Corfu	14	57	f	Liverpool	7	45	r	Rome	13	55	c	Weston-s-mare	9	48	c
C'phagn	2	36	d	Locarno	5	41	r	Ronaldsway	7	45	r	Weymouth	10	50	r
Cromer	7	45	b	London	11	52	r	Ross-o-wye	8	46	r	Wick	7	45	c
Dublin	6	43	s	Lowestoft	8	46	c	S Fr'sco	9	48	f	Zurich	4	39	r

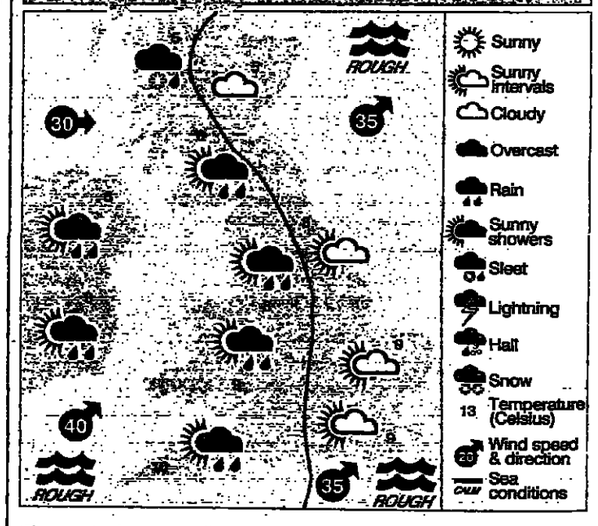
UK temperatures are daytime maximums, those abroad at midday local time. X = figures not available

HOURS OF DARKNESS

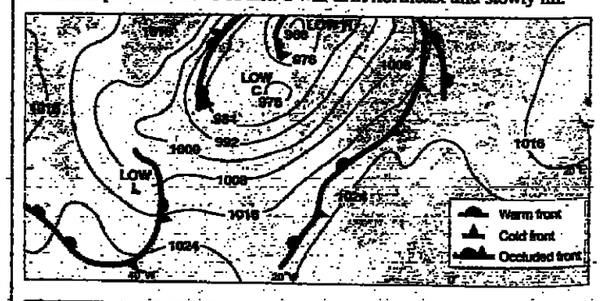
Sun rises: 8.01 am
Sun sets: 4.16pm
Moon sets 6.34 pm
Moon rises 8.24 am
First quarter January 19

London 4.18 pm to 8.01 am
Bristol 4.28 pm to 8.11 am
Edinburgh 4.07 pm to 8.38 am
Manchester 4.17 pm to 8.19 am
Penzance 4.45 pm to 8.17 am

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: low L will move east with little change of central pressure. Lows H and C will drift northeast and slowly fill.



TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.29	6.97	2.54	7.18	Liverpool	—	—	12.03	9.60
Aberdeen	2.04	4.29	2.07	5.48	Lowestoft	10.26	2.46	10.21	2.64
Avonmouth	8.02	13.38	8.24	13.14	Margate	12.32	4.64	1.07	4.88
Belfast	11.51	3.70	—	—	Milford Haven	7.00	7.16	7.21	6.89
Cardiff	7.47	12.36	8.09	12.15	Newquay	6.50	7.10	6.11	6.80
Devonport	6.31	5.50	6.57	5.80	Oban	6.25	4.20	6.40	3.90
Dover	11.54	6.53	—	—	Penzance	5.26	5.80	6.56	5.40
Falmouth	6.01	5.30	6.27	5.10	Portland	7.28	2.30	7.51	2.00
Glasgow	1.37	4.70	1.51	5.20	Portsmouth	—	—	12.07	4.80
Harwich	12.20	3.93	12.46	4.03	Shoreham	—	—	12.09	6.39
Holyhead	11.08	5.77	11.31	5.41	Southampton	11.37	4.50	—	—
Hull	7.10	7.18	7.14	7.61	Swansea	7.00	9.64	7.22	9.33
Ilfracombe	6.47	9.38	7.07	9.08	Tees	4.28	5.32	4.36	5.52
King's Lynn	7.17	6.50	7.17	6.80	Wilton-on-Nze	12.13	4.12	12.39	4.21
Leith	3.18	5.55	3.32	5.62					

©TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1994. Published and printed by Times Newspapers Ltd at 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN, telephone 071-782 5000 and at Knowsley Park Industrial Estate, Kirkby Road, Prescot, Merseyside, L34 9HY, telephone 051-546 2000. Thursday, January 13, 1994. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

The outlook in Bermuda is heavenly.

For your copy of our 1994 brochure please call 0800 86 88 68



ARTS 33-35

Cops and comedy action with Kathleen Turner



BOOKS 36-37

How many birds in the British Isles?



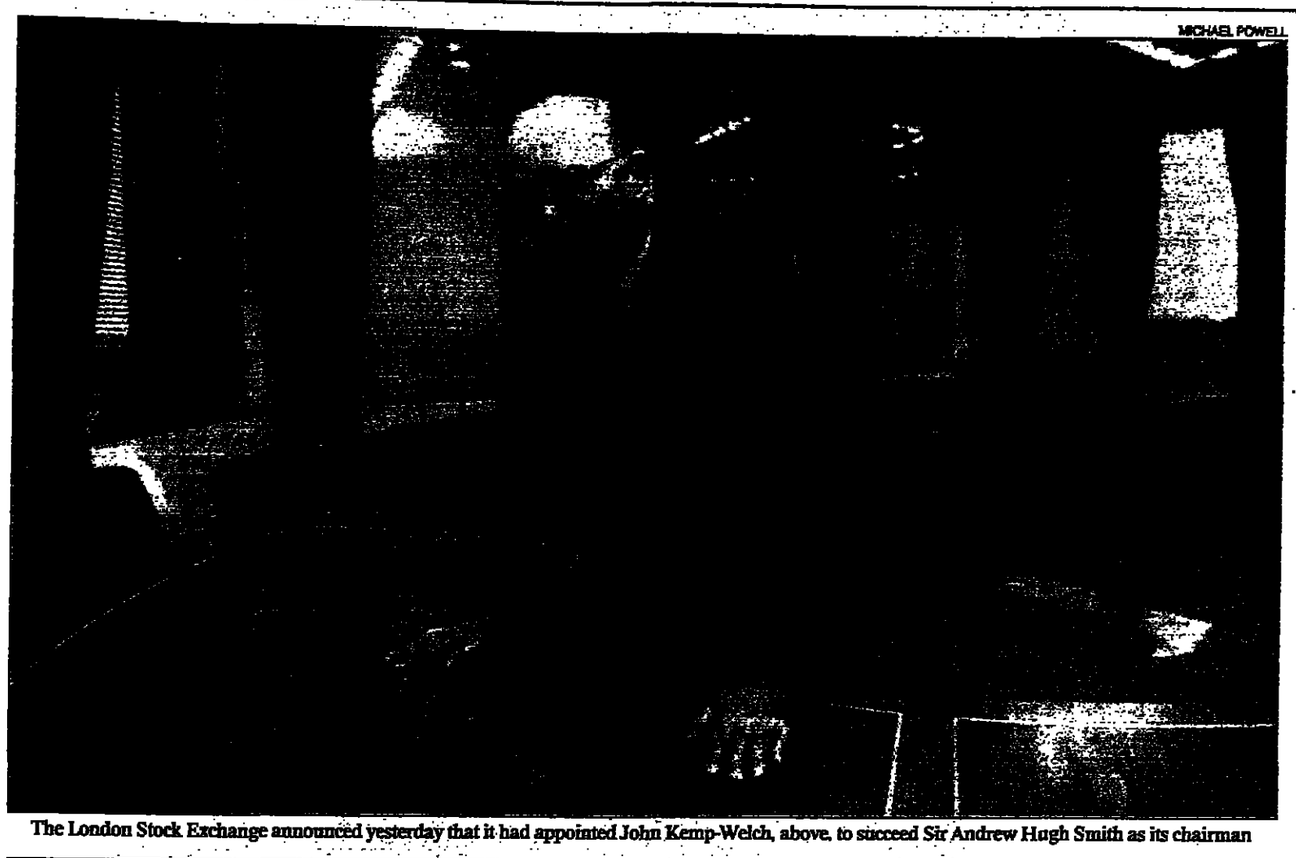
SPORT 38-44

Britain leading the way in IndyCar racing

WHAT IS A SALARIED PARTNER?
Accountancy 31

THE TIMES

THURSDAY JANUARY 13 1994



MICHAEL POWELL

The London Stock Exchange announced yesterday that it had appointed John Kemp-Welch, above, to succeed Sir Andrew Hugh Smith as its chairman

Stock Exchange names new head

BY JON ASHWORTH

JOHN Kemp-Welch, joint senior partner of Cazenove & Co, is to be the next chairman of the London Stock Exchange. His appointment, from July, follows months of speculation and caps one of the most traumatic periods in the exchange's history.

Mr Kemp-Welch, 57, succeeds Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, 62, who has held the position since 1988 and had been tipped to step down since the Taurus debacle of March 1993, which led to the resignation of Peter Rawlins as chief executive. The decision to abandon the Taurus paperless settlement system, after years of research and development costs approaching £80 million, came as a severe embarrassment to the exchange, and made the task of finding a new executive team all the more difficult.

The hunt for a chief executive ended in November, with the announcement that Michael Lawrence, finance director of the Prudential Corporation, was to take up the post. He starts on February 1. Mr Kemp-Welch said that he and Mr Lawrence shared "a common belief" in a strong future role for the Stock Exchange at home and abroad. The priority, he said, was to oversee a well organised, properly regulated and liquid market place, and he expressed his confidence in the exchange despite the problems of 1993. He said: "Taurus was a debacle of considerable proportions, nobody denies that. But that was the previous chapter, and we must now look forward. There has been a tremendous streamlining of the operation and a cutting of costs."

Mr Kemp-Welch joined the stockbroking firm of Hoare & Co in 1954, and moved to Cazenove in 1959. He has been a member of the Stock Exchange for 35 years, and a non-executive director since 1991.

Sir Andrew, chairman of Holland & Holland, the gunmaker and accessories company, is expected to take on a couple of non-executive directorships after he steps down.

Pennington, page 25

BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

BUSINESS TODAY

STEPPING UP



First Leisure suffered from the bad summer weather in Blackpool and is moving upmarket into health and fitness clubs
Page 25, Tempus 27

BUBBLING OVER

Soaring champagne sales boosted Rémy Cointreau after the disastrous season in 1992
Page 25

BREAKING IN



Jo Cutmore threatens the old boy network with a new non-executive director search agency
Page 30

COOLING OFF

Growth in the chemical industry will slow this year bringing the threat of further job losses
Page 24

Six more pits to go at cost of 4,000 jobs

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ Six closures would leave British Coal with only about 15 pits, close to the number originally suggested to be necessary for privatisation by government advisers

BRITISH Coal is set to announce the closure of half a dozen pits next month — all of them previously thought to have been safe — with the loss of more than 4,000 miners' jobs.

The fresh round of closures will rekindle the political row over the future of Britain's coal industry at a time when the Bill to privatise British Coal will be passing through the Commons. The Government's opponents will seize on the closures as further evidence of the industry being slimmed down deliberately in advance of privatisation in order to increase its attractiveness to potential buyers.

British Coal is understood to have already held talks at national and business group level on a new round of closures. These closures, expected to be announced in February, will take a new form of "merging" collieries with neighbouring mines, though industry insiders acknowledge that the effect will be precisely the same.

In all cases, the mines being merged will be closed, and the miners working at them will lose their jobs. Coal in the mines' reserves will then eventually be worked from the neighbouring mine, by breaking through into the original mines' seams.

British Coal is expected to announce the closure of about six pits out of a slightly greater number. The six pits will be drawn from Manton, south Yorkshire, which employs 550 miners; Silverwood in the same area, with 590, and which will be merged with Maltby mine; Ollerton in Nottinghamshire, with 730, and which will be merged with nearby Thoresby; Ellington in the North East, which employs 1,180; and Tower, south Wales, where there are 280 miners. All these pits are in British Coal's core group of pits, thought to be safe from closure.

The closures will also be drawn from the Prince of Wales colliery in north Yorkshire, which employs 400 miners, and from Bilsthorpe, Nottinghamshire, where 540 work. Both of these pits were on the original list of 12 pits 'reprieved' from closure by the Government last year when Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, announced the White Paper on the future of the coal industry.

The total number of miners employed at the pits from which the half a dozen closures are to be drawn comes to almost 4,300. British Coal managers are also understood to be debating the future of two other pits, Annesley-Bentinck, Nottinghamshire, and Goldthorpe in Yorkshire.

The six closures would leave British Coal with only about 15 pits — very close to the levels originally suggested necessary for privatisation by Government advisers before British Coal's October 1992 closure announcements that prompted a public outcry at the projected closure of 31 pits with the loss of 30,000 miners' jobs. The new closures would mean that these targets would have all but been completely achieved. British Coal is expected to argue that the closures are unavoidable because of the inability to find new markets for coal, the continued low demand for coal by the electricity generators and the impossibility of increasing current stocks still further.

Pressure on miners employed at the six or so pits to be shut to accept closure will be strong. British Coal's enhanced redundancy terms expire on March 31, and miners at the pits concerned will fear losing severance pay if they fight the closures when the corporation proposes them.

Pound at post-ERM high

BY JANET BUSH AND PHILIP BASSETT

THE pound roared to its highest level since sterling left the European exchange-rate mechanism and share prices slumped as expectations of an early interest rate cut were dampened by good headline unemployment figures.

Ironically, sterling's continued rally, amounting to three pfennigs since the start of the year, made the background to yesterday's regular monthly meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England more complex. It is at these meetings that the two discuss changes in interest rates.

Anthony Nelson, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said on television yesterday lunchtime that an interest rate cut was unlikely. However, City economists believe the government could be forced to lower interest rates if sterling continues to rise so strongly.

The markets have given up hope of lower rates since the New Year, since all economic indicators have pointed to robust growth in the latter part of last year and anecdotal evidence of strong spending and higher borrowing by consumers in the Christmas period suggests improved confidence. The Treasury's monthly monetary report, collating the information available for the Chancellor and the Governor at yesterday's meeting, concluded that the recovery was continuing.

Sterling's trade-weighted index closed at 82.9, up from 82.5. The pound surged by 1½ pfennigs, to close at DM2.6071, its highest level since September 1992, and also gained nearly a cent against the dollar. In contrast, the FT-SE 100 index fell 41.8 points, to 3,372.

The main reason for the pound's rally was news of December's larger than expected 46,800 drop in the government's headline unemployment total, to the lowest level for 18 months. The unemployment rate fell below 10 per cent for the first time since July, 1992.

Though the fall was announced as NatWest and BP Chemicals announced 4,800 job losses between them, the decline in the seasonally adjusted number of people out of work and claiming benefit takes the total fall in unemployment since the figure started to drop a year ago, to 226,100.

David Hunt, the employment secretary, called the latest fall "excellent news". If competitiveness could be maintained, he said, "we face the prospect of a long period of sustainable non-inflationary growth".

The unadjusted unemployment total — the precise number of people out of work and claiming benefit — actually rose in December, by 13,258 to 2,782,696. Government statisticians said the figures confirmed the downward trend in unemployment. They said the average fall in the coming months might be 20,000 to 25,000 each month.

In evidence to the Commons' all-party trade and industry select committee, though, Mr Hunt's department warned that more blue-collar jobs could be lost, though managerial, professional and technical jobs would increase. Manufacturing employment fell by 7,000 in December, the department's figures showed, suggesting that jobs are growing in services.

The increase in average earnings remained stable at 3 per cent but the rise in manufacturing earnings fell from 4.25 to 4 per cent, helped by lower bonus payments.

The City still believes base rates will at some point be cut from the current 5.5 per cent. One key two-day period comes next week: retail prices statistics are released on Wednesday and the Bundesbank council meets on Thursday.

Pennington, page 25
Economic View, page 27

More gloom on job front

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND CARL MORTISHED

FIVE THOUSAND jobs were axed yesterday as BP closed a chemicals plant in south Wales, and National Westminster Bank told staff that 4,200 jobs will go this year.

BP said it will close its ethylene cracker plant at its petrochemical works in Baglan Bay with the loss of 600 jobs this year.

Production of other products, including vinyl acetate monomer and styrene, is to continue at the site, with 350 permanent jobs and 160 contractors remaining. The closure will account for the bulk of a £200 million exceptional charge in the fourth quarter of 1993, to be announced next month. The closure of the Baglan Bay cracker plant will be followed by further cutbacks in BP's European chemicals business. BP has recently opened a lower cost ethylene cracker at Grangemouth, Scotland. The Baglan plant closure follows the collapse of talks with the Association of Petrochemical Producers in Europe.

Bryan Sanderson, chief executive of BP Chemicals, said: "We greatly regret these job losses which have been forced by industry overcapacity and European recession."

Meanwhile, Martin Gray, chief executive of NatWest's UK branch banking business, said he was unable to rule out compulsory redundancies, though he hopes to avoid them. He declined to comment on the likelihood of further job cuts next year.

The Banking, Insurance and Finance Union accused NatWest and Barclays — which announced 3,000 extra job losses on Monday — of "dumping the news of huge redundancies weeks before they announce massive profits".

Maine - Tucker
Recruitment Consultants

IS YOUR SECRETARY *STILL* WASTING YOUR TIME?

...Time vanishing while you book your own air tickets because you are too nervous to let your Secretary do it, and it's just got to be right.

...Time running away whilst you do some hurried research on a Company you are thinking of doing business with - it's important and you are not convinced your Secretary will be thorough enough.

... Time ticking by whilst you sit there worrying about how it's all going to get done!

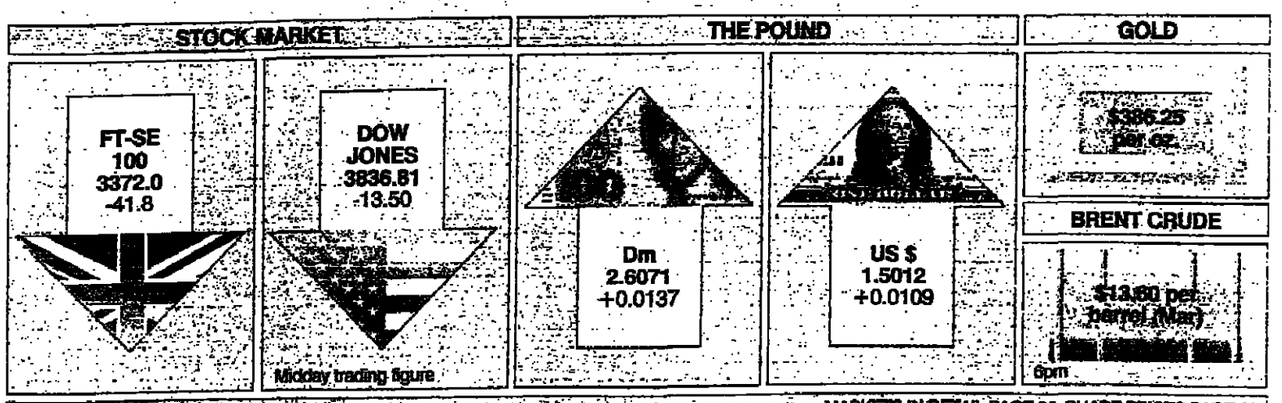
...Time shooting away from you as you dictate letters that a competent Secretary could compose.

And all because you didn't use Maine-Tucker to find you a decent secretary.

There is only one Company to send out into the market place to secure a quality Secretary & that's Maine-Tucker. What's more we guarantee every person we find for three months - a 100% refund guarantee for all three months!

We provide top drawer Secretaries up & down the country & for companies abroad. There is only one proviso - we will only recruit the best. So why waste any more time?

18-21 Jermyn Street, London SW1Y 6HP
Telephone 071 734 7341 Fax 071 734 3260



Gloomy chemicals forecast suggests long-haul recovery

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ Pharmaceuticals are set for the strongest growth at 5 per cent while fertilisers are set to fall 5 per cent — an improvement on last year's 10 per cent reduction in output

GROWTH in Britain's chemical industry will slow this year, with output due to rise 2.5 per cent per cent, according to economic estimates published yesterday by the industry. The data also forecast further job losses in the sector.

The gloomy outlook, with growth also forecast to be lower this year than it was last year — when the economy was generally judged to be in a more fragile state — suggests that the climb out of recession by British industry overall is likely to be a long haul.

The chemical industry is important to a range of manufacturing processes, and so its performance is seen as a key indicator to the likely strength of industry overall.

Though the forecasts, by the Chemical Industries Association (CIA), painted a relatively gloomy picture for the UK, they were considerably less pessimistic than those for most of the rest of Europe.

Speaking to the annual CIA business outlook conference, Richard Freeman, chairman of the CIA's economic appraisal committee and chief economist at ICI, said: "The level of chemical production in all Western Europe apart from the UK and France will be lower in 1994 than in 1992." That, he added, was "indicative of the depth of the recession in Continental Europe".

European chemical output was near the bottom of the cycle, he suggested, forecasting 1.5 per cent growth this year, with no improvement in new investment spending until 1995 and employment expected to continue to fall by between 3.5 and 4 per cent.

Within the European total, the UK growth forecast of 2.5 per cent for 1994 compared to an outturn of 3 per cent last year. Pharmaceuticals are set for the strongest growth, at 5 per cent, though even that is down on the 6.5 per cent growth recorded last year. The worst performing sector is expected to be fertilisers, set for a 5 per cent fall in output, though that is better than last year's 10 per cent drop.

Investment in the UK chemical industry is forecast to rise sharply, up from a 10 per cent drop last year to growth of 5 per cent this year. However, employment is still set to fall, though at a slower rate of 3 per cent compared to a decline of 4.5 per cent last year.

Mr Freeman said UK chemical exports should grow slightly, with a corresponding fall in domestic demand, down to 2.5 per cent against an estimated 3.4 per cent.

John Cos, CIA Director-General, acknowledged the "very tough economic conditions" still prevailing in chemicals, and the "distressed" financial performance of some sectors. He said that the industry's performance "will depend on large measure on its ability, within the increasingly complex public policy framework to which it is subject, to achieve and maintain international competitiveness and to grasp the new market opportunities."



ALAN WELLER

Driving expansion: Sir Trevor Chinn, chairman and chief executive of Lex Service, at the wheel of a Komatsu fork lift truck, for which his company became sole importer into England and Wales yesterday (Colin Campbell writes). Lex is paying a total of £6.5 million for the fork-lift distribution business of Handling Analysis, a subsidiary of A.J.Mackaness, of Northampton, which holds the Komatsu distribution agreement. Of the cash outlay, to be met from Lex's own cash resources, £5.9 million is for the business. The balance is for an associated transaction. Handling Analysis made pre-tax profits of £900,000 in 1993. Net assets being bought are £3.5 million, after a £2 million pre-sale dividend. Komatsu, of Japan, has an estimated 8 per cent of the UK fork lift truck market.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

BROMSGROVE INDS (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.1m (£4.0m)
EPS: 3.18p (4.07p)
Div: 1.65p (1.65p)
Turnover grew to £57.5m (£54.1m). Direct exports rose 10%, to 26.3% of total group sales. Total gearing was reduced to 57% since half year.

M & W (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.77m (£2.03m)
EPS: 12.52p (8.17p)
Div: 1.9p, mkg 3p (2.5p)
Turnover rose to £79.6m (£72.5m). The group had 111 retail stores, after acquiring 14 during the year. Encouraging prospects anticipated.

DUDLEY JENKINS (Int)
Pre-tax: £430,000
EPS: 2.33p (2.55p)
Div: 1.05p (1.00p)
Last time's profit was £383,000. Turnover rose to £6.4m (£5.18m). The company anticipates better prospects for growth and profits.

PROPERTY TRUST (Int)
Pre-tax: £102,000
EPS: 0.5p (5.6p)
Div: —
Last time's profit was £426,000. Turnover fell to £713,000 (£1.65m). Gross annual rental income is expected to rise over 40% to £2.2m.

IRISH CONTINENTAL (Fin)
Pre-tax: £4.74m (£2.41m)
EPS: 27.0p (11.8p)
Div: 2p,,mkg 3p (2.42p)
All figures are in Irish currency. Turnover rose to £109m (£103m). Company said improved economic outlook bodes well for prospects.

Confidence grows as firms' cash flow problems ease

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BUSINESS confidence has continued to grow over the last six months, with companies' cash flow problems easing and higher order books and sales leading to improved profits, according to the latest *Business in Britain survey* from Lloyds Bank.

The survey, which covers nearly 2,000 businesses from industry, commerce, manufacturing and services, showed that higher order books were reported by 45 per cent of companies and that improved orders and sales had been translated into profits in 35 per cent of cases. *Expectations about turnover*, profits and orders in coming months also remain firmly optimistic, Lloyds said.

Michael Riding, general manager at Lloyds Bank Commercial Service, said: "This survey clears up any doubts that the UK economic recovery is finally established and underway ... Businesses are now looking forward to a further improvement in employment, increased profits and new overseas ordes."

Among the survey's other results, higher export order books were reported by 43 per cent of companies and 44 per cent of firms expect this to improve over the next six *months compared with the* same period a year ago. Another plus is that companies, which have struggled during the recession to bring down high debt levels built up during the last upturn, are seeing their financial position improve. In this survey, only 34 per cent of companies reported difficulties compared with 56 per cent a year ago.

Employment shows a modest improvement, with 25 per cent of companies employing more staff and 19 per cent employing fewer.

In terms of confidence, the wholesale and distribution companies continue to report the most significant improvement while the construction sector is the most pessimistic.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Oil demand estimates revised downwards

THE International Energy Agency (IEA) has revised downwards its estimates for world oil demand by 300,000 barrels per day to 68.5 million bpd. Figures released yesterday by the IEA show a rise in non-Opec crude oil production of just under 1 million bpd in the fourth quarter of 1993, while estimates of demand from OECD countries have declined by 0.3 million bpd to 39.7 million from last month's estimate.

The IEA blames the fall in demand on weakness from America and Japan due to lower GDP growth. Brent crude has fallen back below $14 after its brief rally at the beginning of the year. The oil glut has caused analysts to alter their 1994 oil price forecasts, which currently average between $16 and $18 per barrel. Jeremy Hudson, of Lehman Brothers, is among the bears, with a $15.75 forecast. The North Sea is the main source of the non-Opec production increase in the last quarter, output reaching 4.93 million barrels in the fourth quarter.

Names spurn offer

LITIGATING names on Lloyd's of London's Merrett Syndicate 418 voted to join the growing list of action groups rejecting the Lloyds settlement offer. More than 4,000 names on the syndicate have been offered a total of £44.3 million out of the £900 million settlement package. At a meeting of more than 300 litigating names, a majority voted to continue court action. Those wishing to accept the offer were told they would have to resign from their action group and pay resignation fees of 6 per cent of their underwriting lines.

Forex TV by Reuters

REUTERS Holdings, the financial and news information group, is to launch a financial television service for the foreign exchange market in the middle of the year. Mark Wood, editor and executive director, said the service would initially be available in London and continental Europe. It would be delivered digitally to forex dealers' workstations, alongside existing data signals to client terminals. He added that the service would offer live coverage of events of interest to the foreign exchange market.

Nationwide raises £150m

NATIONWIDE Building Society is to raise £150 million through an issue of fixed rate senior eurosterling notes. The issue has a term of 5¼ years and is being arranged by Baring Brothers. The coupon is 6⅛ per cent and it matures on November 15, 1999 with a margin over benchmark gilt (6 per cent Treasury stock due 1999) of 0.45 per cent. Proceeds of the issue, which have been swapped into floating rate funds, through Abbey National Baring Derivatives, will be used to fund its business.

Halkin trading to restart

TRADING in the shares of Halkin Holdings, previously known as Hoskins Brewery, is expected to resume today after shareholders yesterday approved various acquisitions and a capital restructuring. The group has changed its name and has bought LGW, which imports and distributes branded goods through shops based at Gatwick airport. Halkin Holdings has has also bought the privately owned Ronson lighter business. Its business base has therefore been considerably expanded.

Good for Goode Durrant

GOODE Durrant has trimmed gearing from 72 per cent to 53 per cent and says that cash flow from operations is strong. The industrial holding company is raising its interim dividend from 2.15p to 2.2p after reporting pre-tax profits of £4.29 million (£1.8 million) for the six months to October 31, on turnover of £58.1 million (£90.63 million). Laidlaw Leasing was sold, and Northgate, the group's vehicle hire business, made two small acquisitions. In the year ended April 30, Goode Durrant recorded a £15.4 million loss.

THE TIMES
BUSINESS TO BUSINESS
APPEARS EVERY TUESDAY
TELEPHONE
071 481 3024 or
Fax 071 481 9313

LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

SECRETARY
up to £20,000
An excellent secretary is required by this City investment management company to support a team of Fund Managers. Suitable candidates must have:
- Advanced knowledge of WordPerfect 5.1
- Good working knowledge of Freelance and Lotus 1-2-3 or Excel
- Ability to communicate effectively with potential or existing clients
- Previous experience of working for a city investment firm would be advantageous

The duties vary from producing presentation documents, letters, reports etc, to liaising with clients on a marketing basis, to general administration of the Team.

If you have the above qualities, in addition to being hardworking and affable, and are looking to join a leading City firm, please send your c.v. to:

BOX No. 5554
c/o TIMES NEWSPAPERS
P.O. BOX 484
VIRGINIA STREET
LONDON E1 9DD

CONFERENCE SECRETARY
A small but busy conference office of a financial publishing house is looking for a competent secretary (non-smoking) with a minimum of 3 years' experience. The successful candiate will have excellent attention to detail, the ability to work on own initiative and a good telephone manner. Word processing skills (preferably Word for Windows) are required. Shorhand useful.
Annual Salary £14,000 + Bonus
Please write with CV to:
Anne Avidon, Conference Director
Acquisitions Monthly Conferences
2nd Floor, 11 Gloucester Road, London SW7 4PP

PERSONNEL & PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR
Package £18,000 + Benefits
An expanding foreign exchange company (currently 82 staff) with a prestigious Head Office in Knigtsbridge require an experienced Personnel and Payroll Administrator.
This position would suit a highly literate, presentable well organised non-smoker with at least 5 years experience in Personnel and Payroll Administration aged 30-40 and educated to 'A' level standard.
A working knowledge of Windows applications, including Ami-pro and Excel Spreadsheets, and the Centrefile payroll system is essential.
If you meet all the above criteria, please apply in writing with a detailed CV, to: Box No 5559, Box Numbers Department 484, 1 Virginia Street, Wapping, E1 9DD

SECRETARY/PA
An experienced, confident, and competent secretary wth good organisation and communication skills, together with initiative, flexibility and a mature, responsible personality is required to give full support to the Royal Hoticultural Society's Shows Director. WP 5.1 and Audio skills are essential. Immediate start. Salary negotiable, according to experience.
Please telephone Caroline Tierney (071) 630 7422 between 10am and 4pm as soon as possible.
No Agencies.

SECRETARY/PA (£20,000 PACKAGE)
Wanted for small International shipbroking co in new office overlooking Hammersmith Roundabout. Must be well educated, expert in PC's, Windows 3.1 for Word & Excel, (DTP useful). Fast Shorthand essential 80-100 wpm & typing 70 wpm. You need to be of strong character, organised, outgoing, show initiative, fit into an active demanding environment & live within 30 mins. Send CV to:
SEASURE London Ltd, Willmott House, 12 Blacks Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9DT
Tel: 081 741 4433/Fax: 081 741 4666

MAJOR LONDON - BASED FINE ART DEALERS
Require P.A., Age 23 years +.
Graduate/minimum of two 'A'- Levels essential.
Please send C.V. to;
CARLTON HOBBS LTD, 46 PIMLICO ROAD, LONDON SW1W 8LP

SECRETARY/PA (£20,000 PACKAGE)
Wanted for small International shipbroking co in new office overlooking Hammersmith Roundabout. Must be well educated, expert in PC's, Windows 3.1 for Word & Excel, (DTP useful). Fast Shorthand essential 80-100 wpm & typing 70 wpm. You need to be of strong character, organised, outgoing, show initiative, fit into an active demanding environment & live within 30 mins. Send CV to:
SEASURE London Ltd, Willmott House, 12 Blacks Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9DT
Tel: 081 741 4433/Fax: 081 741 4666

CLIENT SECRETARY
An efficient secretary is required by an Outplacement/Career Development Consultancy. Fast accurate typing is a must (60wpm) as is the ability to work under pressure. In addition you will need to be highly organised and have a good telephone manner. A'Level educated with a minimum of six months secretarial experience. Salary: £13,000-£15,000 + Bonus Age 20-25.
Apply with full CV
Gail Wilkinson
Cavendish Partners
36 Queen Anne Street
London W1M 9LB No Agencies

EXPERIENCED MEDICAL SECRETARY
Required for busy Wimpole Street Private Practice. Salary neg. Wordperfect essential. 60 WPM.
Tel: 071 637 9933.

S.O.S
Secretary of Sports Company required. Working with national & international clients. Proficient with Ami Pro 3.0. Typing 60/80 wpm, reports, brochures & correspondence. Professional, enthusiastic, diligent & loyal person should only apply.
Contact: James Dunning
071-376 7881.

ANTIQUES AND INTERIORS
Young assistant required for business based in Islington with hours to Cricket, must be bright with lots of common sense, clean driving licence ess. Office skills an advantage & be prepared to work alternate saturday's. Great opportunity to learn a fascinating business. Initially a boring, pogbrex job running the office but with plenty of customer contact. £12,000 + use of car.
Please Fax CV to 071-354 5625.

NON-SECRETARIAL
EXPERIENCED Negotiators required for well established letting agency in Kensington & Hampstead Area. Please call Sue Hissey 071 435 6014.

ADMINISTRATION
BRANCH Administrator required to provide administrative support to a Financial Services Company. Must be able to work under pressure and manage own workload. Salary n.a.e Write in with CV to: Henley Financial Association, Paston House, 25 Harrington, London SW1Y 4EN.

BANKING & LEGAL LA CREME

SALARY £17,000 p.a
MAYFAIR SOLICITORS
EXPERIENCED LEGAL SECRETARY
Required to work for 2 partners. Varied workload comprising commercial property, company and partnership law, private residential and estate conveyancing and some private client work.
Essential requirements: Min. 5 yrs. appropriate legal experience, responsible and committed attitude, speed, accuracy, spelling ability, attention to detail and immaculate presentation of work, together with excellent telephone skills and initiative.
Hours 9.30 to 5.30. Friendly office near Green Park tube.
CVs to Ref: MT
Stoneham Langton & Passmore
8 Bolton Street
London W1Y 8AU
or Fax: 071 629-4460
(NO AGENCIES PLEASE)

Central London law firm requires a
SECRETARY
to work as part of a small team but primarily for the Head of the Private Client Department.
The position involves all aspects of secretarial work, as well as client liaison.
You will need excellent Legal secretarial and administrative skills, with fast audio typing and WP 5.1.
The work is varied and interesting and includes international tax and estates, dealing with works of art and large UK estates.
Please send your CV and covering letter to:
Miss Norma Williamson
MISHCON DE REYA
21 Southampton Row
London WC1B 5HS
(No agencies please)

PART TIME VACANCIES
OFFICE Administrator/Assistant, 11am-3pm. Smart appearance and all round office skills required. £5 per hour. Call Impetus Homes 071 435 1183.
PART-TIME Executive Secretary within Finance Division 21 Hours per week (flexible) You should be outgoing with excellent audio and wordperfect skills. c£9,000. Call 071 486 6901 Zarak Mav.
PART-TIME with Fluent Spanish Secretary. Please see our Multilingual Opportunities Section

SUPER SECRETARIES
EFFICIENT, organised, fast learner needed to run day to day life of Financier/Businessman. Duties incl. administration, correspondence, t/s, b/bks, & after training, the making of contacts. Exc presentation & telephone manner essential. Age 23-30. Start £17,000. Apply with CV & to Box No 5511
SXP: Sec/P.A. reqd. for Chartered Surveying practice in Covent Garden. Proven sec. skills ess., exc. full knowledge of WP and Windows, c£16,000. 071 240 8336 No Agencies.
FORTIES PEOPLE. Audio/WP fast speed. EC1 & SW Area. Reception, Prestigious/ Secretarial, Temp/Perm. vacancies. Full & Part-Time. 071-329 3999 or fax 071-329 4840.
PA - Dir of Medicine and Law req. for prestigious Fashion co. Typing 70 wpm, 6M 100 wpm. 2 A'levels and knowledge of Wordperfect 5.1 is ess. Tries PA role requiring diplomacy, tact and professionalism. Call Debbie Trent on 071-702 1691 Ref. 2964.

MULTI-LINGUAL OPPORTUNITIES

REGAN & DEAN + ADLAND
EVENT MANAGEMENT CO.
FRENCH SPEAKING PA
Charismatic Chief Executive of leading international company needs a professional and highly organised PA to be part of a dedicated team. A graduate in Business Studies or Marketing is ideal. Excellent WP skills are essential (basic shorthand) along with some relevant Secretarial experience. There's plenty of responsibility and scope to work closely with high-profile clients. Fluent French is essential. Age 25-30. £18,000 neg/ase
Regan & Dean + Adland Recruitment
63 South Molton Street W1Y 1HH. Tel: 071 409 3244.

PA TO GERMAN SENIOR PARTNER
London
Highly proficient bilingual Executive Secretary (German mother tongue/fluent English) is sought by the German Partner in the London branch of an international American law firm.
The position requires board level experience (at least two years), excellent communication and organisational skills, accurate WP skills (Wordperfect 5.1 essential), the ability to prioritise, work to deadlines and remain calm under pressure. A flexible professional attitude is vital.
Please send your application together with your CV to
Office Administrator,
4 Carlton Gardens, London SW1Y 5AA

SECRETARY / PA Part time (3 days) experienced secretary required for new, small office near Tower Hill. Shorthand and fluent Spanish essential and insurance knowledge preferable. Short letter and CV please to Box No 5559.

TEMPTING TIMES
APPLEMAC Temps. Long term bookings. Call King & Tozer Recruitment on 071-629 9648.

SUPER SECRETARIES
RICHMOND College, The American International University of London, Surrey required to work with the Personal Assistant to the President of the University. In this highly confidential post the secretary will provide secretarial /administrative support to the President and, under the supervision of the Personal Assistant, help to ensure the smooth running of an interesting and busy office. Excellent wordprocessing and audio skills essential. Friendly, mature outlook with flexible approach to working hours. Good telephone manner. Applicants should ideally be aged between 27 to 35 with a minimum of two years relevant experience. Benefits include free medical and life insurance, pension plan after qualifying service, 20 days annual holiday and free lunches. Salary £14,000 p.a. Richmond College is an equal opportunities employer. Apply by post or fax with CV and letter to Stewart Thompson, Director Personnel Services, Richmond College, Queen's Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 6JP by 24 January 1994. For full job description telephone Carol Fitzpatrick on tel: 081 940 9762, fax: 081 332 1297.

SECRETARY £16,000 per annum. We are a small friendly international law firm, based in Battersea, seeking an experienced, well organised Secretary to work for an American lawyer. A knowledge of Swedish, Dutch and or Spanish would be an advantage. Please send your CV to: Mrs. Sue Hatchard, Giles & Associates, Blake Lodge, Bridge Lane, London SW11 3AD. No agencies please.
SECRETARY - Commonwealth Society for the Deaf seeks mature person for varied and satisfying position. S/H, typing and administrative skills required. To apply send CV with daytime telephone number to Elizabeth Lubbinska, Dilke House, Malet St. London WC1 7JA.

RECEPTION SELECTION
RECEPTIONIST Part-time £7,500 pro. hrs 12-6.30pm. 2 yrs + exc & w/bd + WP exp. 071 287 0870. Miss Reception Agy.

☐ Too much interest in the Ken and Eddie show ☐ QMH heads for court hearing ☐ Investing in Cazenove culture

Sharing a bed of nails

☐ SPARE a thought for the Chancellor and the Governor: for when they met yesterday, they must have wished they did not have to. Nothing personal, Eddie, but if only short-term interest rates were not nationalised, and Chancellor and Governor did not have to decide the price of money, life would be so much easier. Occasionally, over the past generation, this tempting thought has spurred the Treasury and Bank of England to cede their monopoly role and generously allow money markets to set short-term interest rates. It never worked, because sooner or later — sooner actually — policy priorities intervene and the Treasury reasserts firm control, setting bank rate, declaring a minimum lending rate or, in the current vestigial form of the last such experiment, telling banks what their base rates ought to be. This, however, is surely one of those moments when the authorities would sooner leave it to the markets.

Left to themselves, the markets would almost certainly clear at a somewhat lower rate than 5.5 per cent. Inflation is low. Pay settlements are low. Sterling is riding at its highest since the 1992 devaluation, when official minimum lending rate made its last brief and unhappy appearance. Apart from share prices and cash, the monetary barometer is set fair. Economic activity is recovering, but is not so buoyant as to suggest real short-term interest rates should be anything but sub-normal.

That is a different from policymakers sitting down and taking a decision to cut interest rates. That would be taken to be full of policy messages, whether or not any signals are intended. Are they planning to shadow the mark again? Are they afraid recovery is too fragile to survive April tax rises? Are they abandoning caution for growth? From a policymaker's viewpoint, the position is simple. There is scope to cut base rates. But there is no need to at the moment, since many of the economic signals are moving quite satisfactorily in the right direction.

If that is indeed the thinking, interest rates should still fall. Unfortunately, when the price of money is seen solely as a policy lever, there is one more drawback. The Bank and the Chancellor want rates to move in only one direction at a time. In a normal market, prices occasionally rise in a downtrend and fall in an uptrend. In a state-controlled system, moving rates in the "wrong" direction is seen as a failure of policy. Towards the end of an uninterrupted downtrend, the authorities will therefore tend to err or the side of caution, so as to keep something in reserve and not be pushed into a rate rise at the wrong moment. The economic secretary duly advises a rate cut is "unlikely". Memories of 1982-84, when rate cuts deserved on domestic grounds had to be reversed to protect sterling, are ingrained on the official mind. It was a bad lesson. As a result, interest rate changes in either direction are usually made too late.

In the best interests of Queens Moat

☐ Denis Woodhams, a shareholder in Queens Moat Houses and a prominent member of the Shareholders' Action Group, is pressing ahead with his petition, brought under section 459 of the Companies Act 1985, which alleges that the company's affairs are being conducted in a manner "unfairly prejudicial" to



shareholders. Earlier this week the Companies Court ruled that Woodhams' petition should be set down for a full hearing, with both parties given until January 25 to file further evidence.

Woodhams' petition focuses, unsurprisingly, on Queens Moat's valuation farce which, should you require reminding, embraces the tale of how Weatherall Green initially produced a 1992 valuation of £1.86 billion, a figure which it subsequently revised to £1.35 billion. Enter Jones Lang Wootton which produced a draft valuation of £640 million, subsequently raised to £861 million.

What Woodhams presumably craves enlightenment on is why Queens Moat's new management, led by chief executive Andrew Coppel, failed to seek independent arbitration before accepting Jones Lang's £861 million valuation: a figure which effectively wiped out shareholder value. The irony was that the call for arbitration came not from Coppel but from former chairman John Bairstow: a call which the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors took up, to its credit, and, somewhat less to its credit, promptly dropped come the appointment of DTI inspectors.

Shareholders' angst over the near £500 million disparity is compounded by the fact that WGS stands by its £1.35 billion valuation. Had Coppel and his colleagues insisted on arbitration, unease on the part of shareholders as to whether Queens Moat is being run in their best interests would, presumably, not be so prevalent.

What Mr Woodhams may, or may not, choose to pop into his next bundle of documents are details of the arguably obscene incentive arrangements which have been awarded to Coppel and his colleagues Andrew Le Poidevin and Michael Cairns. Is it necessarily in shareholders' best interests that the trio should each receive a £100,000 bonus when Queens Moat's financial restructuring is agreed? Is it in shareholders' best interests that certain directors should receive extra sums if a bidder acquires more than 50 per cent of Queens Moat's equity? And might it not be in shareholders' best interests if any options issued to the board are based on QMH's share quote *prior* to suspension?

Making Europe's Stock Exchange

☐ WITHIN living memory, the affairs of the Stock Exchange were effectively run by its chairman with an informal coterie of leading figures including, inevitably, the senior partner of Cazenove. Now that John Kemp-Welch, current joint senior partner of the discreet blue-chip firm, is to take the chair, the Exchange is unrecognisable. Most of the internal affairs that concerned its leaders even a dozen years ago have gone to other bodies such as the Securities and Futures Authority. The floor is empty and many leading firms are offshoots of corporations headquartered in New York, Paris or Tokyo. After the Taurus fiasco, even automatic settlement is dealt with by the Bank. There is no club to run: more an international marketing organisation.

Cazenove adapted well to change. Now Mr Kemp-Welch must help the Exchange do the same. Sir Andrew Hugh Smith will hand him a much tighter internal organisation. There is much to do externally. The critical task is to establish London firmly as *the* stock exchange for Europe. Paris and Frankfurt have seen London as a threat. They have tried to isolate it and set up continental alliances with Dutch, Spanish, Belgian and any other bourses that feel vulnerable, using technical and trading co-operation to set up a system whose main logic is not to be London. This can only be reversed by active commercial diplomacy seeking to make London as much the exchange for continental investors and traders as for Britain and America's: to include rather than try to beat. The Cazenove culture of discreet high-level networking can be useful. Mr Kemp-Welch will also need to bang the drum in public and convert sceptics at home and abroad.

Shanks chief steps down after policy differences

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

SHANKS & McEwan, the waste management group, will call in outside consultants if necessary to help the board with "a full-scale review of its strategy and operations" after the unexpected departure yesterday of its chief executive.

Roger Hewitt, aged 51, who had been with the group for eight years, was "leaving the group with immediate effect as a result of a disagreement on future policy". The shares dropped by 13p, to 97p.

Gordon Waddell, the chairman, declined to elaborate on the disagreement, but said he would assume the responsibilities of chief executive until a successor was found.

Mr Waddell is a former son-in-law of Harry Oppenheimer, the mining magnate, and his business career has included extensive mining and industrial experience in South Africa with the Anglo American group. He became chairman of Shanks & McEwan a year ago.

David Downes, who joined the group as finance director only last month, and Richard Biffa, the non-executive deputy chairman, are to play more active roles, together with Mr Waddell, while the group "examines its soul". Mr Waddell said the board review could take between four and six weeks to complete.

He said compensation would be negotiated. He would not comment when asked: "Was Mr Hewitt pushed or did he jump?"

Analysts were further depressed by Mr Waddell's remarks that, though the restructuring and cost reduction programme announced in November had been implemented, the benefits of these actions were expected to be felt only in 1994-95.

After lower interim results, the group said in November that it was to replace its four operating divisions with a single operating board, and that about 100 senior and middle management jobs would be lost.

"The group continues to face extremely difficult trading conditions and the results for the third quarter have continued to disappoint," Mr Waddell said.

He added that the group had suffered in the third quarter from three technical factors associated with waste management, all of which should be resolved. These included a malfunctioning shredder and the need to reline a kiln.

Lower quality of waste from the Bedford area and higher landfill costs had compounded trading difficulties.

At the interim stage, when Shanks & McEwan announced that net earnings had fallen from 6.5p to 3.5p a share but that the dividend was being maintained, the board said it intended to hold the year's total dividend. Mr Waddell said yesterday that the intention remained — unless the outcome of the strategy review dictated otherwise.

Results for the year that will end on March 31 are expected in June.

Tempus, page 27

JOHN MANNING



Fitness and fun go together, says John Conlan, of First Leisure, which has bought a stake in a health club

First Leisure shapes up for fitness market

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

FIRST Leisure, the bingo to bowling group, is moving into the world of health and fitness clubs through the acquisition of a 75 per cent stake in the Royal County of Berkshire Racquets and Health Club, in Bracknell.

The group is paying £5.3 million in cash for the stake in ISL, the holding company for the club, with another £1.9 million payable if ISL's operating profit for the year to October 31, 1994, grows by £0.3 million as budgeted. Last year, ISL made pre-tax profits of £0.2 million on sales of £3.4 million. First Leisure has an option to buy the rest of the shares by the end of the decade.

John Conlan, chief executive, said the health club market, under-exploited in Britain, fits well with the group's existing businesses. He plans to open two to three clubs a year, each offering annual membership for about £600, and expects the business to become "a significant contributor to profits" within three to five years.

Mr Conlan also unveiled a 2.3 per cent increase in group pre-tax profits from £31.1 million to £31.8 million for the year to October 31 on sales up 12.3 per cent at £121 million (£108 million). He said the results reflected the group's strategy of sacrificing margin for increased volumes. A final dividend of 4.53p brings the total for the year to 6.53p (6.14p), a rise of 6 per cent.

Profits were held back by a disappointing summer season at Blackpool, where bad weather and adverse publicity about beach pollution took their toll. Although the group's other resorts gained market share, it was not enough to offset the decline at Blackpool and operating profits in the resorts division slipped from £12.3 million to £11.7 million.

Operating profits in the sports division fell to £13.7 million (£14.1 million) after a fall-off in attendances at the group's ten-pin bowling businesses. Discos and nightclubs held up well, pushing profits in the dancing division up to £14.5 million (£12.5 million). The group said it had seen the return of young disco-goers, particularly in the South East, over Christmas and New Year.

The bingo business, bought for £20 million last June, performed in line with expectations, reporting profits of £900,000. Mr Conlan said four new outlets were planned in the current year to add to the seven existing sites.

Tempus, page 27

Paramount directors sold $11m of shares

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

FOUR directors of Paramount Communications, the Hollywood studio, sold shares worth a total of $10.93 million just before the company lost a court case in Delaware which put it up for auction.

According to documents filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, four directors and the wife of one of them sold a total of 140,678 shares at prices ranging from $76.50 to $81.25 between mid- and late November. The total sales could have been much higher had Stanley Jaffe, the company president, gone ahead with plans to sell his 233,332 share options.

The Paramount board was due to meet yesterday in New York to consider a revised bid, valued at $9.18 billion, from Viacom, the cable television programme maker. Wall Street was betting that it would continue to recommend the $9.8 billion offer from QVC Network, the television shopping channel.

Paramount's shares, at $77.125, and QVC's, at $39.625, were both down 25 cents at lunchtime yesterday. Viacom was 12.5 cents up at $39.

Analysts have not ruled out a further bid from Viacom. The company has increased the cash portion of its offer to $105 a share and its paper offer is currently valued at $49.90, giving its bid an overall value of $77 per Paramount share. That compares with a QVC cash offer of $92, a paper element worth $74, and a blended bid of $83.

Barry Diller, QVC's chairman, hinted on Tuesday that his current offer was likely to be his last.

Champagne puts sparkle into Rémy earnings



Bubbly year after flat 1992

BY JON ASHWORTH

SOARING champagne sales have boosted prospects for Rémy Cointreau, the French wine and spirits group that includes Krug champagne and Rémy Martin cognac among its brands.

Champagne sales were up 9.1 per cent to Fr557 million (Fr510 million) in the nine months to December, lifting pre-tax profits for the group as a whole to Fr122.5 million (Fr112 million). Consolidated net profit was Fr129 million (Fr104 million). Sales of Krug, Charles Heidsieck and Piper Heidsieck have all improved after a disastrous 1992, when an oversupply of champagne and high grape prices conspired to drive group profits down by 25 per cent. Operating profits climbed to Fr358 million (Fr328 million) following stronger sales of cognac, liqueurs and spirits, champagne, and non-group brands. The largest division is Rémy Martin cognac, which increased sales by 5 per cent, to Fr1.94 billion.

Exceptional items fell from Fr24.5 million to Fr14 million as a result of profits on the sale of non-strategic assets. Financial expenses remained at the same level as the previous year, despite an increase in debt resulting from early payment of amounts due to IDV, Grand Metropolitan's international drinks division, and interest rate instability.

The last quarter of the year generally benefits from sales in South-East Asian markets, particularly over the Chinese New Year, but the group said prediction was difficult. The group is optimistic that results will continue to improve this year.

Rémy, one of the biggest owners of champagne houses in France, has not escaped the troubles that have swept the industry, which has been afflicted by job cuts and staff protests. Louis Vuitton-Moët Hennessy (LVMH), the luxury goods group, lost more than Fr100 million in the first half of 1992 on its champagne brands, which include Moët, Mercier and Pommery.

HOLMESDALE
BUILDING SOCIETY
INTEREST RATES FROM 13TH JANUARY 1994

*SPECIAL SHARES	GROSS CAR	GROSS
For investments of £75,000 or more	7.28%	7.15%
For investments of £40,000 or more	6.65%	6.45%
For investments of £25,000 or more	6.38%	6.25%
For investments of £10,000 or more	5.73%	5.65%
For investments of £500 or more	5.22%	5.15%

*LEAVE £10,000 AND WITHDRAW PENALTY FREE

FIXED RATE/FIXED TERM	
ONE YEAR	6.50%
TWO YEARS	6.00%

MINIMUM £10,000 MAXIMUM £100,000

SHARE ACCOUNTS £1 MINIMUM		
	1.51%	1.50%

ALL OTHER ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY .35%

CAR: This is the compounded annual rate if interest is credited to the account. Except where stated, interest is paid or added on 30th September and 31st March. Interest rates are variable.

43 Church Street, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0AE
Tel: (0737) 245716/7 Fax: (0737) 246962
Member of the Building Societies Association, Eligible for investments by Trustees

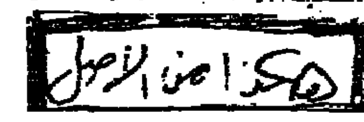
WHEN THERE'S SIMPLY NO TIME TO SWAN AROUND, USE BUSINESS EXPRESS...

...Next Day Delivery - we think we've quacked it!



Please send me details of your Next Day nationwide delivery service, and how I can save when I use the Business Express Next Day service.
Name:
Position:
Company:
Address:
Postcode:
Tel No: Fax No:
Send to - Business Express, FREEPOST (WA 1483), Warrington WA1 1BR
(No stamp required - just put in an envelope and send to us)
or call us on FREEPHONE (0800) 515898
T1

Business Express
A Division of Home Express



Fading hope of interest rate cut wipes £8.7bn from shares

STOCK MARKET

SHARES took a tumble as receding hopes of an interest rate cut prompted another wave of profit-taking, wiping £8.7 billion from the value of shares.

Overnight falls in New York and Hong Kong combined with weaker futures to again drag the cash market lower, though dealers said that the underlying strength of the market remains stable.

The latest unmeployment news was seen as encouraging for economic recovery, but it dampens short-term prospects of another reduction in domestic interest rates.

Traders said the market has been too bullish recently and a technical correction was due. Futures failed to find support and buyers in the cash market stepped away. A negative start on Wall Street further depressed sentiment in London and the slide intensified.

Edmond Warner, head of equity strategy at Kleinwort Benson, said that American investors may now be looking away from the UK and continental European markets after a good run as rate cut hopes fade, putting Japan at the top of American buying lists instead.

The FT-SE 100 index closed at its worst of the day, losing 41.8 points to 3,372.0. Volume, bolstered by good two-way trade, reached 807.7 million shares.

BOC Group tumbled 21½p to 638½p after Hoare Govett downgraded its profit estimates and changed its recommendation from a buy to a sell. Martin Evans, at Hoare Govett, has cut his 1994 forecast from £340 million to £295 million, with next year's estimate reduced by £50 million to £330 million. Mr Evans is concerned that low inflation and cost-conscious customers may delay a recovery in gases, while fierce competition is affecting healthcare, and patent expiry is still a worry.

Elsewhere, **ICI** fell 23p to 773p, depressed by reports of a Goldman Sachs sell recommendation. Other heavyweights on the slide included **Reuters**, down 47p to £18.25.

TI Group lost 13p to 438p as Credit Lyonnais Laing changed its recommendation from a buy to a sell, telling investors it is time to get out. Paul Compton at CLL said: "In the past year the shares have gone from £3 to £4.50; that's a 50 per cent rise. It's a good time to take profits."

Great Universal Stores tumbled 27½p to 592½p as a line of stock continued to overhang the market after Smith New Court failed to offload part of a 13 million parcel picked up as part of a bought deal on Tuesday. Kleinwort Benson was also thought to be advising profit-taking.

Argos lost 7p to 373p, with traders a little nervous before a Christmas trading statement, due tomorrow. **Sears**, off 1p to 123p, and **Body Shop**, 1p softer at 234p, are expected to make trading statements today. Elsewhere, **Bentalls** eased 2p to 135p, **Boots** 7p to 562p, **Dixons** 3p to 233p and **Signet Group** 1½p to 30p.

Tesco, up 6p to 235½p, bucked the trend after reports of positive comment from BZW.

News that **National Westminster** is to cut more than 4,000 jobs this year saw the shares lose 12p to 585p, while **Barclays** eased 2½p to 594½p. ***HSBC*** *fell 25p to 891p* and **Standard Chartered** 18p to £11.61, both additionally unsettled by overnight losses on the Hong Kong market.

BP fell back from a high of 373p to finish at 362½p, down 3p, after news that the group will incur an exceptional charge of £200 million for BP *Chemicals* closure costs, and cut a total of 600 jobs in South Wales over the next year. Elsewhere, **Burmah** eased 7p to 835p and **Shell** 12p to 725p.

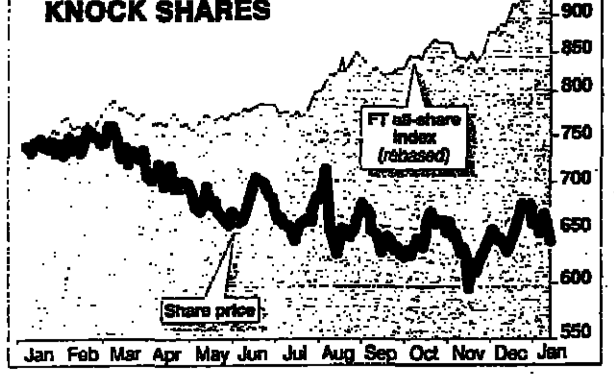
The slide continued at **Geest**, with the shares falling a further 19p to 257p, giving a two-day loss of 106p.

Shanks & McEwan fell 15p to 97p on news of the departure of Roger Hewitt as chief executive and a warning on current trading conditions.

GILT-EDGED: Government stocks had an erratic day. The bigger than expected fall in unemployment pulled gilts down, though there was support from overseas bond markets. The **Long Gilt** ended four ticks higher at £119¹/₃₂, on active volume of 88,000 contracts for the March series. Cash stocks saw small gains stretch to £¼ at the longer end.

PHILIP PANGALOS

BOC GROUP: DOWNGRADING AND SELL RECOMMENDATION KNOCK SHARES



MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND
US $ .... 1.5012 (+0.0109)
German mark ..... 2.6071 (+0.0137)
Exchange index .. 82.9 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET
FT-SE 100 ..... 3372.0 (-41.8)
Dow Jones .. 3836.81 (-13.50)*
Nikkei Avg ..18793.88 (+308.63)

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank ..... 5⁷⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds 2⅞%*
3-month Treas Bills .. 2.96-2.95%*
Long Bond 6.16%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5019*	£:$	1.5030
$:DM	1.7345*	£:DM	2.6086
$:SWfr	1.4665*	£:SWfr	2.2027
$:Ffr	5.8975*	£:Ffr	8.8660
$:Yen	112.35*	£:Yen	168.91
£:SDR	1.0868	£:ECU	1.3430

London Forex market close

GOLD
London Fixing ($):
AM 386.80 ..... PM 386.10
Close 386.00-386.50
New York
Comex 386.45-386.95*

OIL
Brent Crude ......$13.60 per bbl (Mar)

RETAIL PRICES
RPI: 141.6 Nov (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.11
Austria Sch	19.20	17.70
Belgium Fr	57.08	52.88
Canada $	2.085	1.925
Cyprus Cyp£	0.808	0.758
Denmark Kr	10.87	9.87
Finland Mkk	9.23	8.43
France Fr	9.26	8.56
Germany Dm	2.74	2.53
Greece Dr	394.50	369.50
Hong Kong $	12.20	11.20
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2633.00	2478.00
Japan Yen	182.50	165.50
Malta	0.623	0.568
Netherlds Gld	3.050	2.820
Norway Kr	11.79	10.99
Portugal Esc	274.00	255.50
S Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	222.00	208.00
Sweden Kr	12.79	11.99
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	22190.0	21190.0
USA $	1.593	1.463

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Spicers helps ease the way for David S Smith

By Colin Campbell

DAVID S Smith (Holdings), the paper and packaging group that bought Spicers last July for £91 million, saw operating margins of the enlarged group slip from 7.6 per cent to 5.8 per cent in the six months to October 30.

Alan Clements, the chairman, said the UK economy appears to be moving ahead again, while on the Continent there are indications that the economic decline may be over.

Group pre-tax profits were £13.7 million, against £15.2 million last time, on a turnover of £337.9 million, against £258.7 million. The interim dividend is held at 2.75p a share, declared out of net earnings of 9.3p (12p) a share. Net cash inflow from group operating activities increased from £20.6 million to £30.8 million.

Spicers contributed £71.9 million of the total turnover. Without that, turnover would have risen by only 3 per cent.

Group operating profit was £19.5 million — just down from the £19.6 million made last time — of which Spicers contributed £3.9 million.

Mr Clements said that although the interim results may be regarded as somewhat disappointing, he was encouraged by the overall prospects of the group.

Spicers, whose purchase price was originally estimated at £95 million but finally turned out to be £91 million, before acquisition costs of £2.5 million, had given a particularly pleasing initial performance, and the integration had been smooth.

Goodwill associated with the acquisition has been estimated at £3.4 million, though the amount will be defined at the end of the year.

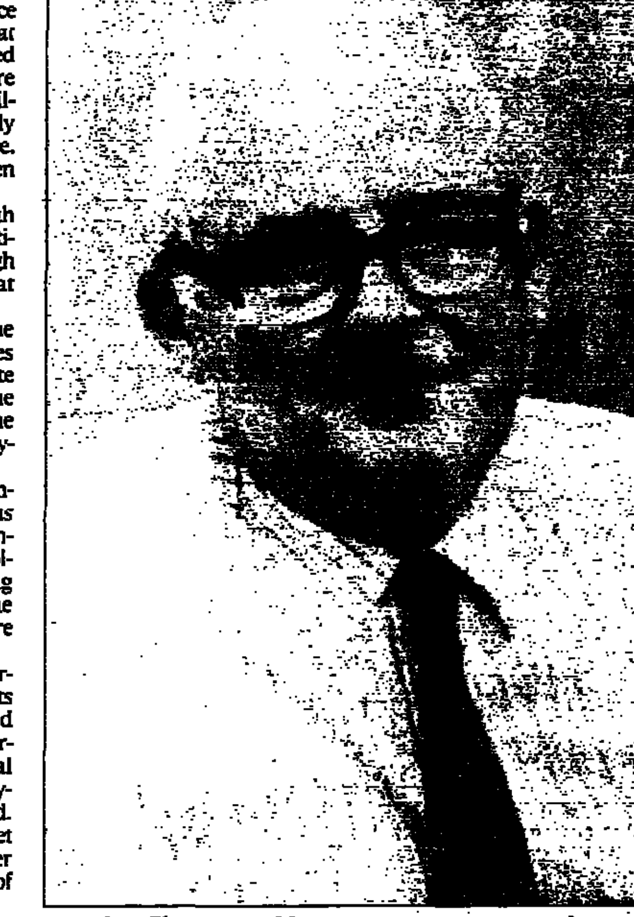
The group said the issue most critical to its fortunes was the outcome of the debate on packaging waste and the prospects for restoring the competitive balance for recycling within Europe.

Mr Clements said an improved economic climate was already resulting in reasonable growth in trading volumes, but he gave warning that it may be some time before margins return to more acceptable levels.

St Regis Paper was suffering from the combined effects of severe recession in world paper markets and the distortion caused by environmental legislation in European recycled paper markets, he added.

The UK corrugated market increased in volume by 3 per cent in the first 11 months of 1993, Mr Clements said.

The shares rose 18p to 456p.



Alan Clements said prospects were encouraging

WALL STREET

Dow slips as selling continues

NEW YORK — Blue chips were lower at midday, but the broader market showed improving breadth. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 13.50 at 3,836.81, while advancing shares and declining issues were nearly even. Treasuries continued to rally, with the long bond up over a point to yield 6.16 per cent.

☐ **Tokyo** — A surge of foreign buying lifted the Nikkei average to 18,793.88, up 308.63 points.

☐ **Sydney** — A fall in leading shares dragged the all-ordinaries index 11.1 points lower at 2,195.6.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The market continued its steep slide, with the Hang Seng index falling 443.08 points to close at 10,712.73.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times Industrials index recovered some ground but ended at 2,260.31, down 87.89 points. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Blagden ..... 149p (+24p)
QS Holdings ..... 243p (+13p)
Carrs Milling ..... 198p (+32p)
Watson & Phil ..... 357p (+14p)
Bowater ..... 477p (+13p)

FALLS:
Nat West ..... 586p (-11p)
BPB Ind ..... 333p (-10p)
Glaxo ..... 669p (-13p)
Granada ..... 558p (-14p)
ICI ..... 777p (-19p)
Zeneca ..... 848p (-12p)
BICC ..... 433p (-14p)
Cable Wireless ..... 497p (-13p)
Jardine Math ..... 588p (-18p)
Vodafone ..... 591p (-20p)
Geest ..... 258p (-18p)
BOC Group ..... 638p (-22p)
British Thornton ..... 156p (-11p)
Danka Bus Sys ..... 315p (-12p)
3.30pm Prices

	Jan 12 midday	Jan 11 close
AMP Inc	63	63
AMR Corp	70	70
Abbott Labs	29	30
Aetna Life	56	55
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19
Air Prod & Chem	46	46
Albertson's	25	25
Alcan Alumnm	21	22
Alco Standard	57	57
Allied Signal	77	78
Alum Co of Am	70	71
Amax Gold Inc	7	7
Amerada Hess	47	47
Amer Brands	35	35
Amer Cyanamid	50	50
Amer El Power	35	35
Amer Express	30	30
Amer Genl Corp	29	28
Amer Home Pr	65	65
Amer Intl	85	85
Amer Stores	43	44
Amer T & T	53	54
Ameritech	74	74
Amoco	53	53
Anheuser-Busch	49	49
Apple Computer	31	31
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	7	8
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	54	53
Asarco	23	23
Ashland Oil	37	37
Atl Richfield	107	108
Auto Data Pro	54	54
Avery Dennison	29	28
Avon Products	53	53
Baker Hughes	21	21
Baltim Gas & El	25	24
Banc One	38	38
BankAmerica	47	47
Bank of NY	58	58
Bankers Tr NY	78	79
Barnett Banks	39	41
Bausch & Lomb	49	50
Baxter Intl	24	24
Becton Dickson	35	35
Bell Atlantic	55	55
BellSouth	56	56
Black & Decker	19	19
Block (H&R)	41	41
Boeing	42	42
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	15	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58
Browning Ferris	27	28
Brunswick	19	19
Burlingtn Nthn	59	59
CBS	293	293
CNA Financial	77	78
CPC Intl	49	49
CSX	86	86
Campbell Soup	41	41
Can Pacific	17	17
Cpd Cities ABC	631	629
Cpd Holdings	36	37
Carolina Pwr	29	28
Caterpillar	90	90
Central & SW	30	30
Champion Intl	35	35
Chase Manhat	34	34
Chemical Bk	41	41
Chevron Corp	89	90
Chrysler	59	59
Chubb Corp	77	78
Cigna Corp	63	63
Citicorp	38	38
Clorox	54	55
Coastal Corp	28	28
Coca Cola	43	42
Colgate-Palmolive	61	61
Columbia Gas	22	22
Commonw Ed	28	28
Compaq Comp	79	78
Comp Ass Int	42	43
Conagra	26	26
Cons Edison	31	31
Cons Nat Gas	45	46
Cons Rail	67	67
Cooper Inds	50	51
Corning Inc	30	31
Crown Cork	37	37
Dana Corp	59	59
Dayton Hudson	67	67
Deere	75	75
Delta Air Lines	56	56
Deluxe Corp	37	37
Detroit Edison	29	29
Digital Equip	36	36
Dillard Dept St	36	36
Disney (Walt)	49	47
Dominion Res	44	44
Donnelley (RR)	31	31
Dover Corp	60	60
Dow Chemical	59	59
Dow Jones	37	38
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	42	42
Dun & Bradstreet	62	62
Du Pont	51	52
Eastman Kodak	45	46

	Jan 12 midday	Jan 11 close
Eaton Corp	55	57
Emerson Elec	62	62
Engelhard Corp	25	25
Enron Corp	29	28
Ethyl Corp	18	18
Exxon	64	64
FMC Corp	48	48
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	73	72
Fed Nat Mtge	84	84
First Chicago	41	41
First Interstate	68	68
First Union Rlty	10	10
Fleet Finl Grp	34	35
Fluor Corp	41	40
Ford Motor	67	68
GTE Corp	34	34
Gannett	57	58
Gap Inc Del	41	41
Gen Dynamics	91	91
Gen Electric	105	105
Gen Mills	61	61
Gen Motors	58	59
Gen Reinsurance	103	105
Gen Signal	35	36
Genuine Parts	39	38
Georgia Pac	72	72
Gillette	61	61
Glaxo ADR	19	20
Goodrich (BF)	41	41
Goodyear Tire	45	46
Grace (W&R)	41	41
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	24
Great Wstn Fin	19	20
Halliburton	31	32
Harcourt General	38	37
Heinz (HJ)	35	35
Hercules	109	109
Hershey Foods	48	48
Hewlett Packard	84	84
Hilton Hotels	64	63
Home Depot	39	38
Homestake Mng	22	23
Honeywell	32	32
Household Intl	33	33
Houston Inds	45	45
Humana	17	17
ITT Corp	91	91
Illinois Tool	40	41
INCO	27	27
Ingersoll Rand	40	41
Inland Steel	36	36
Intel Corp	68	66
IBM	58	58
Intl Flav & Fr	114	114
Intl Paper	71	73
James River Va	19	19
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	44
K Mart	19	20
Kellogg	56	57
Kerr-McGee	45	46
Kimberly-Clark	53	53
Knight-Ridder	59	59
Lilly (Eli)	58	58
Limited Inc	18	18
LIN Brdcstng	107	108
Lincoln Nat	41	41
Litton	68	69
Liz Claiborne	22	22
Lockheed Corp	66	66
Louisiana-Pac	41	43
MCI Commun	26	26
Marriott Intl	29	29
Marsh & McLen	83	82
Masco Corp	36	36
May Dept St	39	39
Maytag Corp	17	18
McCaw Cellular	52	52
McDonalds	58	58
McDonnell D	104	105
McGraw Hill	69	69
Mead Corp	46	46
Medtronic	81	81
Mellon Bk	54	54
Melville Corp	39	39
Merck Inc	36	37
Merrill Lynch	42	42
Minnesota Mine	109	109
Mobil Corp	79	79
Monsanto	77	77
Morgan (JP)	69	69
Motorola Inc	94	92
Natl Medical	15	15
Natl Semi	18	18
Natl Service Ind	26	27
Navistar Int	25	25
NBD Bancorp	29	29
NY Times A	28	29
Newmont Mng	57	57
Niag Mohawk	20	19
Nike B	49	50
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	31	32
Norfolk Sthrn	72	72
Nthn States Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	24	25
Nynex Corp	41	41
Occidental Pet	17	18
Ohio Edison	21	22
Oracle Systems	34	34

	Jan 12 midday	Jan 11 close
Oryx Energy Co	17	17
Owens Corning	43	43
PNC Financial	29	29
PPG Industries	76	77
Paccar Inc	55	55
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	23	23
Pac Gas & Elect	33	32
Pac Telesis	55	55
Pall Corp	18	18
Panhandle East	23	21
Paramnt Comm	77	77
Parker Hannifin	39	39
Penney (JC)	51	52
Pennzoil	53	54
Pepsico	40	40
Pfizer	68	69
Phelps Dodge	51	51
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	57	58
Phillips Pet	29	29
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	34	34
PriceCostco	17	17
Procter & Gmbl	59	58
Pub Serv E & G	30	30
Quaker Oats	68	69
Ralston Purina	37	37
Raychem Corp	38	39
Raytheon	66	66
Reebok Intl	32	32
Reynolds Metals	48	49
Roadway Srvcs	63	64
Rockwell Intl	37	37
Rohm & Haas	59	59
Royal Dutch	106	107
Rubbermaid	34	34
Safeco Corp	54	54
St Paul's Cos	87	87
Salomon Inc	47	47
Santa Fe Pac	23	23
Sara Lee Corp	25	25
Scecorp	19	20
Schering Plough	67	67
Schlumberger	59	59
Scott Paper	41	42
Seagram	27	28
Sears Roebuck	52	52
Shell Trans	65	65
Sherwin Wlms	33	34
Skyline Corp	21	21
Snap-On-Tools	41	41
Southern Co	43	43
Sthwestern Bell	39	39
Sprint Corp	35	34
Stanley Works	43	43
Sun Company	31	32
Sun Microsys	30	29
Suntrust	45	45
Supervalu	38	37
Syntex Corp	16	16
Sysco Corp	27	28
TRW Inc	70	70
Tandem Comp	12	11
Tandy Corp	44	44
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	25	25
Temple Inland	53	53
Tenneco	53	53
Texaco	65	66
Texas Inst	69	67
Texas Utilities	39	40
Textron	59	59
Time Warner	39	40
Times-Mirror	34	35
Timken	34	35
Torchmark	45	45
Toys R Us	39	38
Transamerica	57	57
Travelers	39	40
Tribune	59	59
Tyco Labs	52	51
UAL Corp	146	145
UST Inc	28	28
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	113	114
Union Camp	49	49
Union Carbide	22	22
Union Pacific	65	65
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	12	13
USF&G Corp	14	14
US Life	38	38
US West	43	44
United Tech	64	63
Unocal Corp	28	28
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	45	45
WMX Tech	28	29
Wal-Mart Stores	25	25
Warner-Lambert	68	68
Wells Fargo	132	131
Westinghouse El	13	14
Weyerhaeuser	47	47
Whirlpool	65	65
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	49	49
Woolworth	25	24
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43	43
Xerox	91	91

RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Split Lvl C (100)	100½	...
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	95½	-½
CLM Insce (100)	110	...
Chelsfield (155)	181	...
DFS Furniture (260)	319	-1
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...
Finsbury Undrwrtng Inv	111	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	117½	...
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	123	...
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	62½	...
Gartmore (168)	199	-2
Govett Emerging C	105	-5
Govett High Inc (100)	107	-2
Harmony Leisure Wts	4	...
Inspirations (100)	124	-1
Kleinwort 2nd Endw (50)	51½	...
Litho Supplies (190)	240	...
London Industrial (320)	366	...
Masthead Insce (100)	108	...
Mercury World Mng (100)	111½	-3
NM Smllr Aust (100)	110	...
NM Smllr Wts	61	...
Nelson Hurst (140)	155	...
New London Capital (100)	99	...
On Demand Info (78)	114	-3
Pilot Inv C (100)	107	...
Rackwood (40)	44	-2
Rossmont (10)	11	...
Securitised End Cont (60)	68	+6
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Anglo Irish n/p (48)	16	+2
Bemrose n/p (325)	103	...
Cementone n/p (73)	15	...
Europe Energy n/p (5)	7	-2½
Sheldon Jones n/p (25)	8	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	14,000	Cadbury	1,900	MEPC	1,500	Scot Power	2,500
Abbey Natl	1,500	Caradon	1,300	Marks Spr	2,300	Sears	1,700
Allied-Lyons	1,200	Carlton Cms	1,900	NFC	254	Sevrn Trent	1,000
Anglian W	700	Coats Vyla	790	NatW Bk	4,300	Shell Trans	2,700
Argyll Gp	1,500	Cm Union	1,400	Nat Power	2,300	Siebe	3,400
Arj Wiggn	2,300	Courtaulds	1,400	Nth W.t W	972	SmKl Bch	5,300
AB Foods	29	Enterpr Oil	663	Nthrn Fds	960	Smith Nph	2,600
BAA	498	Forte	1,900	P & O	545	Southern Elec	748
BAT Inds	3,100	GRE	935	Pearson	251	Std Chartd	1,200
BOC	6,800	GUS	9,200	PowerGen	1,100	Sun Alliance	2,100
BP	12,000	Gen Acc	920	Prudential	2,200	TI Gp	4,600
BTR	5,400	Gen Elec	9,100	RMC	649	TSB	6,100
BT	9,700	Glaxo	6,000	RTZ	2,300	Tesco	13,000
Bk of Scot	811	Granada	7,400	Rank Org	934	Thames W	446
Barclays	4,900	Grand Met	5,900	Reckitt Col	1,000	Thrn EMI	900
Bass	3,400	Guinness	2,600	Redland	1,600	Tomkins	3,900
Blue Circle	3,100	HSBC	3,000	Reed Intl	1,700	Unilever	2,000
Boots	2,000	Hanson	6,500	Rentokil	2,600	Utd Bisc	961
Bowater	3,200	ICI	5,900	Reuters	1,100	Vodafone	3,700
Brit Aero	2,700	Inchcape	812	Rolls Royce	7,500	Warburg (SG)	826
Brit Airways	4,400	Kingfisher	2,300	Ryl Ins	2,500	Wellcome	2,900
Brit Gas	7,100	Ladbroke	9,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,600	Whitbrd 'A'	1,100
Brit Steel	14,000	Land Secs	1,800	Sainsbury	2,600	Wllms Hld	1,000
Burmah Cast	519	Legal & Gn	898	Schroders	0	Wolseley	557
Cable Wire	5,500	Lloyds Bk	6,500	Scot & New	2,500	Zeneca	1,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ..... 3836.81 (-13.50)
S&P Composite ..... 473.05 (-1.06)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge ..... 18793.88 (+308.63)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 10712.73 (-443.08)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ..... 416.35 (-7.66)

Sydney: AO ..... 2195.6 (-11.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX ..... 2209.16 (-9.57)

FT 30 share: ..... 2574.4 (-30.5)

Brussels:
General ..... 7702.97 (+21.31)

Paris: CAC-40 ..... 2284.18 (-47.15)

Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 715.60 (-4.90)

London:
FT A All-Share ..... 1675.86 (-17.53)
FT Non Financials ..... 1787.87 (-17.37)
FT Gold Mines ..... 260.8 (+4.7)
FT Fixed Interest ..... 132.10 (-0.06)
FT Govt Secs ..... 106.41 (-0.09)
Bargains 35057
SEAQ Volume 806.9m
USM (Datastrm) ..... 159.12 (+0.14)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 10	January 21	April 7	April 18

Calls on 12/1/94: Berisford, Cannon St, Corn-Tek, Carlisle, Crossroads, Eurotunnel Wts 93, JI Jacobs, Ladbroke, YJ Lovell, Nat Home Loans, Navan Res, Ransomes, Sleepy Kids, SmithKline 'A', Sturge, Trencherwood, Unigate. **Puts:** Berisford, Sleepy Kids. **Puts & Calls:** Carlisle, Hazlewood, Ladbroke, Ransomes, Shandwick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3422.0	3426.0	3370.0	3384.0	20754
Previous open interest: 72259	Jun 94	3430.0	3430.0	3397.0	3397.0	249
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.65	94.68	94.62	94.64	36884
Previous open interest: 411512	Jun 94	94.80	94.84	94.75	94.77	41913
	Sep 94	94.85	94.87	94.78	94.79	14218
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.62	96.62	96.61	96.62	237
Previous open interest: 9409	Jun 94	96.35	96.37	96.34	96.36	72
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.49	94.50	94.47	94.48	36223
Previous open interest: 801156	Jun 94	94.92	94.95	94.89	94.91	31502
Long Gilt	Mar 94	119-04	119-12	118-26	119-01	88431
Previous open interest: 102466	Jun 94	118-15	118-16	118-15	118-13	41
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.60	117.70	117.54	117.64	2787
	Jun 94				116.69	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	101.10	101.32	101.07	101.16	132724
Previous open interest: 147773	Jun 94	101.20	101.24	101.10	101.11	321
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.51	103.59	103.41	103.46	702
Previous open interest: 10482	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	94.12	94.13	94.09	94.09	1648
Previous open interest: 35221	Jun 94	94.62	94.64	94.59	94.59	495
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.25	96.27	96.23	96.24	4999
Previous open interest: 52824	Jun 94	96.52	96.56	96.52	96.54	1402
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.75	118.25	117.61	117.99	50235
Previous open interest: 84089	Jun 94	117.74	118.25	117.74	118.07	83

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 82.9 (day's range 82.6-82.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9084-2.9223	2.9178-2.9214	¹⁄₈pr-¹⁄₈ds	¹⁄₄pr-par
Brussels	54.01-54.46	54.34-54.45	7-12ds	18-26ds
Copenhagen	10.0770-10.1240	10.1030-10.1180	³⁄₈-1¼ds	1¾-2¾ds
Dublin	1.0410-1.0450	1.0411-1.0440	3-7ds	11-17ds
Frankfurt	2.5983-2.6103	2.6069-2.6103	¹⁄₈-¹⁄₄ds	¼-¾ds
Lisbon	263.53-264.62	263.98-264.62	93-174ds	313-415ds
Madrid	215.26-217.11	215.75-216.06	68-81ds	168-196ds
Milan	2538.10-2547.20	2538.10-2542.20	5-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	1.9731-1.9872	1.9843-1.9872	0.33-0.24pr	0.59-0.50pr
New York	1.4946-1.5035	1.5025-1.5035	0.31-0.30pr	0.84-0.80pr
Oslo	11.2280-11.2840	11.2670-11.2840	½-⅞ds	¾-⅞pr
Paris	8.8270-8.8730	8.8590-8.8730	¾-1¼ds	1¾-2¼ds
Stockholm	12.2430-12.2850	12.2590-12.2830	1⅞-3⅜ds	4⅝-6ds
Tokyo	168.14-169.11	168.77-169.04	¼-⅜pr	1⅛-1¼pr
Vienna	18.26-18.38	18.34-18.38	½-⅞pr	1½-⅞pr
Zurich	2.1961-2.2060	2.2011-2.2042	⅜-¼pr	⅞-⅞pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4991-1.5017
Australia dollar	2.1828-2.1875
Bahrain dinar	0.557-0.569
Brazil cruzeiro*	546.74-548.31
Cyprus pound	0.767-0.777
Finland marka	8.527-8.643
Greece drachma	370.25-377.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.592-11.602
India rupee	46.44-47.40
Kuwait dinar KD	0.441-0.451
Malaysia ringgit	4.0953-4.1036
Mexico peso	4.58-4.68
New Zealand dollar	2.6842-2.6909
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.542-5.668
Singapore dollar	2.4123-2.4155
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3642-6.4436
S Africa rand (com)	5.0958-5.1068
U A E dirham	5.4255-5.5495

Barclays Bank GTS • Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4513-1.4534
Austria	12.23-12.23
Belgium (Com)	36.20-36.24
Canada	1.3166-1.3176
Denmark	6.7328-6.7378
France	5.8995-5.9045
Germany	1.7363-1.7373
Hong Kong	7.7255-7.7265
Ireland	1.440-1.443
Italy	1693.8-1695.3
Japan	112.45-112.55
Malaysia	2.723-2.733
Netherlands	1.9441-1.9451
Norway	7.4948-7.4998
Portugal	175.95-178.25
Singapore	1.605-1.606
Spain	143.68-143.78
Sweden	8.1864-8.1964
Switzerland	1.4675-1.4685

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⁵⁄₁₆
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 5 . Sell: 2 mth 5 : 3 mth: 4⅞ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₁₆	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⅜	5⅜-5⁵⁄₁₆	5⁵⁄₁₆-5³⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⅜	5½-5⅜	5⅞-5⁷⁄₁₆	5⁵⁄₁₆-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Interbank:	5⁵⁄₁₆-5⅜	5½-5⅜	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₁₆	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5⅞, close 6¼ .

Local Authority Deps:	5⅝	n/a	5⅜	5⅜	5¼
Sterling CDs:	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₃₂-5¹¹⁄₃₂	5¹³⁄₃₂-5⁵⁄₁₆	5³⁄₁₆-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.04	n/a	3.12	3.26	3.57
Building Society CDs:	5⅝-5⁵⁄₁₆	5⅞-5⅜	5¹³⁄₃₂-5⅜	5⅜-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1993. Agreed rates Jan 26, 1994 to Feb 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.65%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1993 to Dec 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.375%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅝-5⅜	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅝-6⅜	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅜-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅛-6⅝
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅞	4-3⅞	3⅞-3⅝	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $386.60-387.00 Close: $386.00-386.50 High: $388.00-388.50
Low: $385.20-385.70 Krugerrand: $385.00-387.00 (£256.00-258.00)
Sovereigns: Old $90.00-92.00 (£59.50-61.50) New $90.00-92.00 (£59.50-61.50)
Platinum: $386.25 (£257.40) Silver: $5.10 (£3.40) Palladium: $123.75 (£82.45)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allied Lyon	650	[illegible]	43	51	9	24	30
(*660)	700	2	20	28	42	53	60
Argyll	280	19	30	2[illegible]	3	[illegible]	16
(*294)	300	6	14	25	11	21	2[illegible]
ASDA	60	2	6	6	3	5	4
(*...)	70	1	3	5	[illegible]	13	[illegible]
Boots	550	15	36	48	5	18	29
(*561)	600	[illegible]	14	24	41	45	53
Br Airways	400	24	41	52	4	16	20
(*419)	500	5	21	32	25	29	45
BP	360	[illegible]	23	31	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*364)	390	2	10	15	29	35	3[illegible]
Br Steel	120	6	11	16	2	9	12
(*123)	137	[illegible]	6	11	[illegible]	14	17
C & W	475	27	42	56	4	14	24
(*495)	500	[illegible]	28	42	14	2[illegible]	36
CU	550	19	32	44	7	2[illegible]	32
(*558)	730	3	12	2[illegible]	44	5[illegible]	6[illegible]
ICI	750	33	52	66	[illegible]	3[illegible]	4[illegible]
(*775)	800	[illegible]	2[illegible]	40	32	6[illegible]	[illegible]
Kingfisher	700	33	56	72	6	22	32
(*725)	750	5	32	49	[illegible]	49	54
Land Sec	700	49	54	72	1	9	14
(*744)	750	6	32	45	14	2[illegible]	41
M & S	420	3[illegible]	41	4[illegible]	1	7	14
(*447)	460	4	1[illegible]	24	[illegible]	2[illegible]	3[illegible]
Nat West	550	3[illegible]	47	57	2	16	2[illegible]
(*585)	600	[illegible]	19	32	22	44	50
Sainsbury	425	42	52	57	1	5	10
(*455)	460	7	26	35	12	24	29
Shell	700	3[illegible]	41	53	1	19	27
(*725)	750	3	15	30	29	49	54
Smkl Bch	390	19	34	46	6	2[illegible]	2[illegible]
(*401)	420	4	2[illegible]	32	24	3[illegible]	45
Storehouse	220	20	27	32	1	5	6
(*236)	240	5	15	21	7	14	14
Trafalgar	100	5	11	17	4	4	13
(*...)	106	2	7	12	12	15	18
Unilever	1150	2[illegible]	56	7[illegible]	9	2[illegible]	52
(*1165)	1200	6	30	4[illegible]	42	6[illegible]	7[illegible]
Zeneca	800	51	68	82	6	26	38
(*846)	850	16	38	55	21	52	63

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	460	25	39	49	10	17	24
(*474)	500	9	19	29	33	41	45
Ladbroke	220	12	2[illegible]	25	11	22	2[illegible]
(*221)	230	5	12	17	24	35	3[illegible]
Utd Bisc	300	3[illegible]	3[illegible]	43	5	14	19
(*...)	390	11	1[illegible]	2[illegible]	16	30	3[illegible]

January 12, 1994 Tot: 44448 Call: 25026 Put: 24021 FT-SE Call: 6095 Put: 6609
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	1050	19	54	72	16	34	54
(*1095)	1100	4	27	49	53	67	82
Thames W	550	29	43	52	3	17	25
(*572)	600	2	17	26	31	39	56

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAT Inds	500	27	45	52	5	19	25
(*527)	550	6	19	27	[illegible]	45	57
BTR	330	26	31	37	4	12	16
(*344)	360	9	17	22	18	27	32
Br Aero	420	33	51	62	15	25	37
(*424)	460	4	31	42	36	51	60
Br Telecom	460	5	25	34	11	30	24
(*462)	500	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	40	42	49
Cadbury	460	32	56	—	2	11	—
(*...)	500	15	24	—	16	22	—
Guinness	500	34	45	55	7	19	25
(*...)	550	11	22	32	25	42	47
GEC	300	37	39	41	2	5	9
(*...)	330	11	24	24	10	15	22
Hanson	260	17	20	27	3	8	11
(*...)	280	5	12	16	12	18	22
LASMO	120	19	18	23	6	15	[illegible]
(*...)	130	7	13	15	16	20	24
Lucas	200	12	17	22	4	8	[illegible]
(*...)	220	4	9	14	22	27	30
Pilkington	190	13	15	24	5	11	14
(*...)	200	4	9	15	18	23	25
Prudential	300	19	23	29	8	19	22
(*...)	390	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Redland	500	25	38	41	19	41	45
(*...)	550	8	19	26	51	74	90
Royal Ins	317	37	—	—	9	—	—
(*...)	346	[illegible]	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
Tesco	220	21	26	31	5	11	13
(*235)	240	9	14	21	12	22	24
Vodafone	550	56	74	80	9	25	36
(*591)	600	24	45	52	31	46	59
Williams	360	32	34	44	9	11	13
(*...)	390	12	21	27	14	26	30

FT-SE INDEX (*3372)	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500
Calls						
Jan	120	86	46	19	6	2
Feb	155	116	82	55	34	20
Mar	173	126	104	78	54	37
Apr	189	153	123	95	73	54
Jun	—	191	—	132	—	85
Puts						
Jan	5	11	22	49	69	137
Feb	23	34	51	74	104	143
Mar	40	53	71	93	122	157
Apr	55	69	88	111	140	172
Jun	—	98	—	140	—	194

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	460	39	46	55	12	19	26
(*486)	500	17	26	35	33	39	46
Amstrad	40	7	9	11	2	4	—
(*44)	45	4	6	8	5	7	7
Barclays	550	57	64	74	13	17	22
(*593)	600	25	35	47	23	38	45
Blue Circ	330	35	39	44	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*350)	360	17	24	33	24	35	43
Br Gas	330	24	29	33	7	14	18
(*342)	360	8	15	19	22	32	35
Dixons	220	22	30	33	9	15	19
(*231)	240	12	19	23	18	22	30
Forte	260	19	23	27	12	19	23
(*262)	280	9	14	29	23	31	35
Hillsdwn	160	21	23	26	4	9	—
(*174)	180	9	12	15	17	21	22
Lonrho	140	11	17	22	11	15	16
(*141)	160	4	9	15	23	28	30
Sears	120	5	13	14	4	7	9
(*123)	130	5	7	9	11	14	15
Thrn EMI	1000	75	99	114	16	26	47
(*1046)	1050	44	69	84	36	49	69
Tomkins	240	16	20	26	6	12	17
(*246)	260	7	14	19	21	22	28
TSB	240	19	23	32	10	15	17
(*245)	260	9	15	22	22	29	32
Wellcome	650	59	72	92	35	43	57
(*672)	700	31	44	66	57	69	76

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	52	74	92	37	49	64
(*667)	700	30	52	67	64	76	92
HSBC	850	74	110	137	37	51	67
(*890)	900	46	84	111	62	76	95
Reuter	1800	104	154	180	77	105	125
(*1825)	1850	77	128	153	105	130	142

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
R-Royce	150	14	—	—	4	—	—
(*164)	170	4	—	—	10	—	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Eurotnl	140	16	25	29	13	22	24
(*141)	160	6	15	22	26	33	36

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastern Ec	600	44	59	67	7	14	25
(*640)	650	13	28	38	30	36	50

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	33	47	54	12	22	26
(*481)	500	17	29	34	31	41	48
Scot Pwr	460	20	32	41	20	27	35
(*461)	500	7	19	25	48	52	59

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: The London cocoa market recovery gathered pace towards the close reversing morning losses to end higher. However, the market was still nervous over potential effects of CFA franc devaluation. Coffee remained weak to mixed in London trading dominated by switches. It appeared still range-bound looking to New York for impetus.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA
Mar ..... 955-952 May 974-973
May ..... 969-964 Jul 982-980
Jul ..... 976-974 Sep 994-990
Sep ..... 934-933 Dec 1015-1000
Dec 952-951
Mar ..... 965-964 Volume: 7462

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Jan ..... 1150-1178 Sep 1195-1193
Mar ..... 1195-1194 Nov 1195-1192
May ..... 1138-1197 Jan 1195-1190
Jul ..... 1196-1193 Volume: 5967

NO 7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)
Spot 254.40 Oct 11.19-11.27
Mar ..... 12.44-12.52 Jan ..... unq
May ..... 11.25-11.34 Mar ..... unq
Jul ..... 11.46-11.57 Volume: 60

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Oct 286.3-86.0
Spot: 258.7 Dec 285.5-84.0
Mar ..... 285.5-86.0 Mar 286.9-85.0
May ..... 287.7-87.0 May 289.7-86.7
Aug ..... 296.7-95.3 Volume: 801

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	66.27	96.19	121.29
(+/-)	+2.66	-1.34	+1.69
Eng Wales	66.26	96.30	120.38
(+/-)	+2.96	+1.61	+1.74
(%)	+3.9	+0.1	+11.6
Scotland	69.30	95.62	123.82
(+/-)	+2.75	+3.43	+1.19
(%)	+72.9	-8.7	+23.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)
Open Close Open Close
Aug ..... unq ... Mar ..... unq ...
Sep ..... unq ... Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Jan 99.90
Mar 101.10
May 102.15
Jun 102.35
Sep 91.60
Volume: 372

BARLEY (close £/t)
Jan 104.50
Mar 105.90
May 106.90
Sep 93.00
Nov 94.90
Volume: 11

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug ..... unq
Oct .....
Dec .....
Feb .....
Apr .....
Volume: 0

POTATO
(£/t) Open Close
Mar ..... unq 135.0
Apr 112.0 110.3
May 131.5 129.5
Volume: 220

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Feb 60.75-61.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices slipped despite Tuesday's American stock figures which showed lower inventories.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.85	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Feb)	13.65	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.60	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	14.50	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	14.75	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	144 (+1)	146 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	145 (-2)	146 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jan	148 (+2)	150 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Feb	149 (+1)	150 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	56 (n/c)	58 (-1)
Naphtha	130 (-1)	132 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL
Jan ..... 142.00 Exp Apr 142.00-42.25
Feb ..... 143.25-43.50 May 142.75-43.00
Mar ..... 142.75-43.00 Jun 143.25-43.50
Vol: 27229

BRENT (6.00pm)
Feb ..... 13.62-13.64 May 13.92-13.96
Mar ..... 13.62-13.64 Jun ..... unq
Apr ..... 13.75-13.78 Vol: 39090

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Jan ..... 138.75 Exp Apr ..... unq
Feb ..... 134.00-45.00 May ..... unq
Mar ..... 134.00 BID Vol: 80

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)
Feb 94 High: 1288 Low: 1270 Close: 1280
Mar 94 unq 1293
Apr 94 1315 1310 1318
Jul 94 1185 1185 1186
Vol: 58 lots. Open int'st: 2437 Index 1230 +10

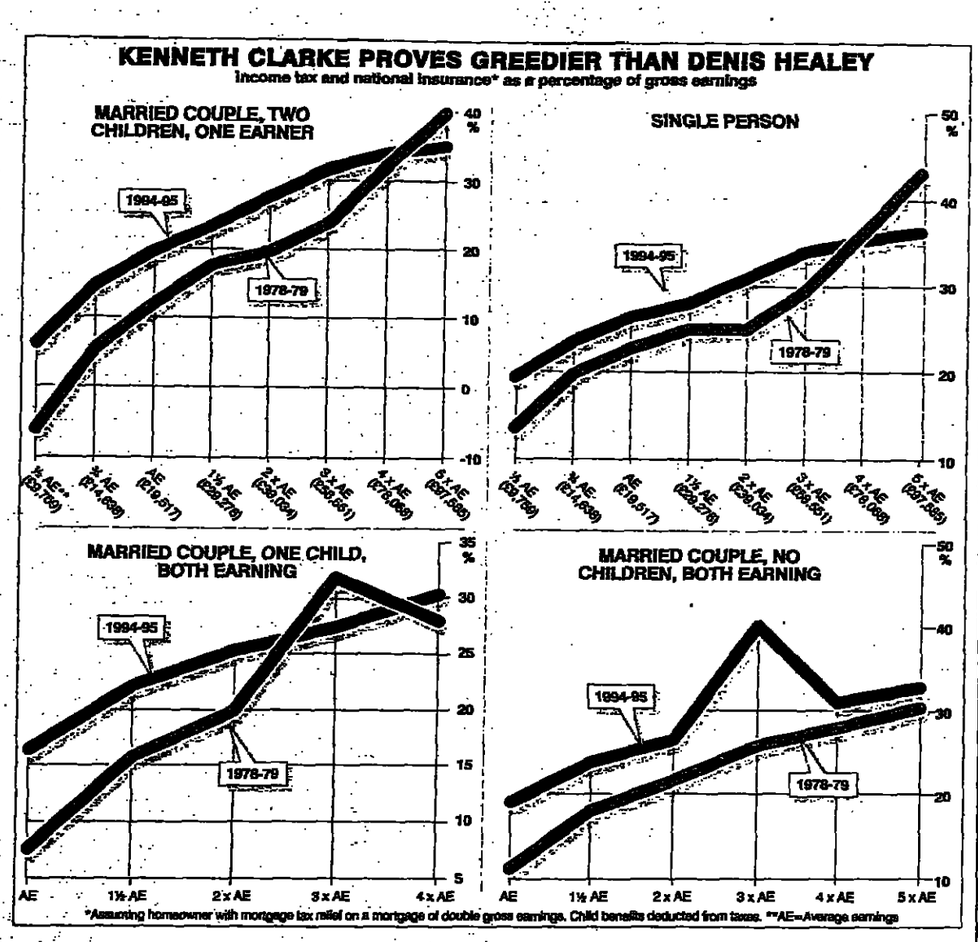
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1762.0-1763.0	1788.0-1789.0	1695175
Lead ($/tonne)	479.00-480.00	492.00-493.00	183025
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	994.00-999.00	1018.0-1019.0	564300
Tin ($/tonne)	4775.0-4780.0	4820.0-4825.0	22960
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1152.5-1153.5	1170.0-1171.0	3166275
Nickel ($/tonne)	5715.0-5720.0	5785.0-5790.0	77400

ECONOMIC VIEW

Only the very rich pay less income tax under the Tories

Anatole Kaletsky and Janet Bush explain why the Conservatives' claim to be the party of low income tax simply does not stand up



John Major confessed in his David Frost interview last Sunday that he regretted his pre-election promise to reduce income tax, a promise which his government has now been spectacularly forced to break. Kenneth Clarke admitted to the Commons Treasury committee just before Christmas that his new exactions, due to come into effect in April, will be equivalent to an increase of seven pence in the standard rate of income tax. But Tory ministers have one excuse when challenged on their record of broken promises on taxes: remember how much more tax you paid under Labour, when the standard rate was 33 per cent and the highest tax rate was 83 per cent.

Throughout the past 14 years of Conservative Government, this claim has been accepted as self-evident, even by Labour spokesmen. Yet, after the record tax increases announced in the last two Budgets, it is no longer remotely true. In fact, a careful comparison between the new taxes to be levied from April onwards with those paid by similar groups of workers in 1978/79, the last year of Labour Government, shows that a family on average earnings will pay far more in income tax and national insurance to Mr Clarke than a similar family did in the days when Denis Healey was at Number 11. The tax rates were calculated by KPMG Tax Advisers, a unit of KPMG Peat Marwick, the leading accountancy firm. The structure of the analysis and the assumptions used, however, were all supplied by *The Times* and are not the responsibility of KPMG.

From April onwards, for example, a typical married couple with two children, with one spouse working on male average earnings of £19,517, can expect to pay 20 per cent of their gross income in taxes and national insurance (after allowing for the child benefits received by the wife). In 1978/79, a similar family on average earnings would have lost only 12 per cent of income to the state. A single person on male average earnings will typically pay tax of 26 per cent from April onwards, compared with 23 per cent in 1978/79.

These comparisons refer solely to income tax and national insurance — the direct deductions from wage earnings which the Tories had promised most explicitly to reduce. Taking account of the doubling in VAT, from 8 per cent in 1979 to 17.5 per cent today, and its extension to items such as fuel and light, the total tax burden on the average wage earner is now much higher than it was under Labour.

But, even more surprisingly, it is not just the poor and the middling who will suffer from the Conservatives' extra income tax burden. The figures show that the vast majority of middle class taxpayers, with incomes all the way up to four times average earnings — or £78,000 year — will lose a higher proportion of their earnings to the tax collector than their counterparts did under Mr Healey.

In fact, a family with with one earner and two children living in their own home would typically have to earn 4.5 times average earnings, more than £85,000 a year, before they paid a lower proportion in income tax under this Government than their counterparts did under Labour. A family with both spouses earning would require a combined income of almost £100,000 to benefit under the coming year's tax regime.

How could this be, given not only the Government's frequently stated commitment to lower income taxes, but more importantly the manifest reality that 40 per cent is the highest tax rate for 1994/95, while Labour levied taxes up to the ludicrous level of 83 per cent?

The answer is twofold. Firstly, the Treasury's need for extra taxes is desperate because of the last recession and Mr Major's pre-election spending spree. Political principles have had to take second place. Secondly, it is easier to disguise an increase in income tax than in any other form of taxation. In fact, the structure of Britain's tax system positively invites governments to raise income taxes from year to year.

Let us concentrate on this second point. Conservative politicians have managed to convince not only themselves, but also the Opposition and most of the public, that the only important number in tax policy is the *marginal* tax rate — that is, the amount of extra tax paid on each additional pound of earnings. The Conservatives have steadily reduced marginal rates from the range of 25 per cent to 83 per cent in 1978/79, to the present three rates of 20, 25 and 40 per cent. But while people's attention was focused on cuts in tax rates, they largely ignored the many changes in tax bands and tax allowances which dramatically reduced the levels at which marginal tax rates began to bite.

Over the past 14 years there have been three major changes in the income tax structure: personal allowances have fallen rapidly in relation to average earnings; child allowances have been replaced by a benefit while the marriage allowance has been curtailed; and, finally, mortgage interest relief has been dramatically reduced. These three changes, combined with the 3.5 point increase in National Insurance rates, have between them more than made up for the vaunted reductions in marginal tax rates.

These changes have, so far, provoked little protest or comment for two reasons. The public, including most politicians, have paid no attention to allowances, believing that the so-called Rooker-Wise amendment guaranteed that these would generally be uprated in line with inflation. In reality the government has often ignored Rooker-Wise. But more importantly, the Rooker-Wise provisions turned out to be a mechanism for automatically increasing the burden of tax. Allowances were indexed to prices, rather than average incomes, which tend to rise faster than prices in an expanding economy. As a result, Rooker-Wise guaranteed that income tax payments would rise consistently faster than incomes as the economy grew.

For taxpayers, however, what matters is the relationship between taxes and incomes, not prices. If for example, a man had a job paying average earnings in 1978/79 and still paying average earnings today, he would normally expect to pay the same proportion in taxes. Under Britain's indexation provision, however, his taxes would rise steadily, without any government announcement — which is exactly what has gone on for the past 14 years.

Secondly, there has been the whittling away of mortgage interest relief. This has provoked little protest recently, because subsidising mortgages has rightly been seen as economically unwise. But what economists have forgotten in their enthusiasm for phasing out Miras, is that this relief offered a very substantial mitigation for the high tax rates of the 1970s. In comparing tax liabilities today with those under Labour, therefore, mortgage relief needs to be taken into account. For, if Miras had not existed in the 1970s, the whole structure of Britain's tax system would have been very different and the Labour Government would have had vast amounts of money available to increase personal allowances or lower rates. The gradual phasing out of Miras under the present government could have released money to reduce the overall burden of taxes — in fact it did not. To ignore mortgages, therefore, in any comparison of taxes paid under Tories and Labour is very misleading.

Our figures have taken these factors into account, comparing people with similar family circumstances on similar multiples of average earnings. The results, assuming in each case that the taxpayer has a mortgage equal to double gross earnings, are illustrated in the charts and the table on page one.

Although mortgage relief is a crucial part of the tax structure and most people in Britain are homeowners, we also did a series of calculations disregarding mortgages. These naturally showed a smaller gap between the taxes paid in 1978/79 and those due today. The broad message was the same, but now there was more evidence of favouritism to single people and the better off. A married couple with one earner and two children on average earnings, with no mortgage, paid 19 per cent tax in 1978/79, compared with 22 per cent in 1994/95. But a single person on average earnings without a mortgage would pay 30 per cent under Labour, as against 29 per cent in 1994/95. A single person on half of average earnings, by contrast would have paid 21 per cent in 1978/79 against 22 per cent today.

All these figures, it must be recalled, exclude the impact of VAT and other indirect taxes, which also tend to bear more heavily on the poor than the rich. Taking account of all such exactions, the Government's record of achieving low taxes collapsed years ago. It is now clear, however, that even the Tories' politically more important claim to be the party of low *income* tax, does not stand up.

Leading article, page 17

TEMPUS

BP cracks down

UNFEELING stock markets normally reward news of job cuts by marking up shares, but in BP's case, the decision to close some of its ethylene capacity failed to impress. No doubt the third-quarter results left the market expecting good news on growth. BP, however, remains a cost-cutting story and the Baglan Bay closure is the signal that the oil company, before many rivals, is finally taking necessary action on its loss-making chemicals side.

The Baglan Bay plant counts as one of the least efficient crackers in Europe and the opening of BP's new facility in Grangemouth sounded the death knell for the Welsh plant last year. In hindsight, BP might be criticised for failing to close the plant earlier but any success in negotiations in Europe over cuts in ethylene capacity could have landed BP with some useful cash. The Baglan Bay operation's high costs would have enabled the company to ask for a sizable share of the proposed common fund as an incentive to shut it down.

BP's sacrifice will not be enough to turn around ethylene prices with a European glut of more than 1 million tonnes and little sign that the Italians, the main offenders will follow the example. But the benefits to BP of closing down Baglan Bay could be as £50 million per annum in cash and a lower depreciation charge. This year could finally see chemicals back in profit if further rationalisations are made in its plants near Marseilles and in Antwerp, with some analysts pencilling in £80 million.

Alas for BP, benefits in chemicals could be wiped out by oil. No-one is cutting crude production and if prices stay below $16 to $18 losses from chemicals will seem marginal.

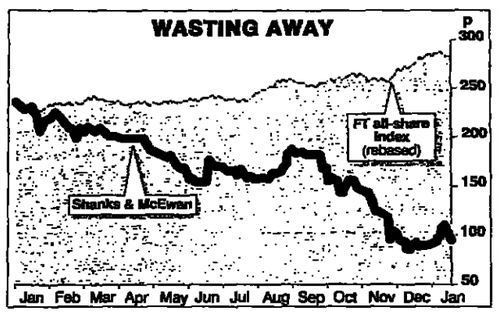
Shanks & McEwan

SHANKS & McEwan, the waste group, has disappointed the City too many times in recent years, and when trading refused to improve at the tail end of last year, the chief executive was selected as the sacrificial lamb.

Mr Hewitt was the architect of Shanks which expanded rapidly when waste companies were the hottest stocks on the market. But demand for waste services has slumped in the recession and the final blow was commissioning difficulties at Shanks's two chemical incineration plants, which are depressing second half trading. The expanded plants may now be overblown since forthcoming EC legislation will restrict the movement of hazardous waste in Europe, forcing Shanks to compete in a limited British market.

Talk of a full strategic review suggests that Shanks will dump heavy provisions into its figures for the year to March 31, on top of the £5 million reorganisation charge already announced, which could lead to a loss. Even without further provisions, profits are likely to be only £8 million this year. The management may also cut the dividend, to demonstrate its new-found parsimony.

At least Shanks' balance sheet looks secure and the company as a leading waste group has real value. But uncertainty about the review and the dividend means the shares have further to fall before they recover.



First Leisure

NO matter how hard and fast it diversifies, the name of First Leisure is forever linked in fund managers' minds with the Blackpool tower. A rainy summer and a polluted beach ensured that the shares declined steadily throughout the second half of last year. A 7 per cent fall in earnings for the year to October 31 only seemed to confirm entrenched opinion.

In reality, First Leisure is a victim of its own success. Unlike many others in the sector it is not a recovery stock but is trying to build on an undamaged profit record. The resorts division now accounts for less than a third of profits and this is likely to shrink to a quarter when the bingo halls and the new healthclub acquisition make a full year's contribution.

Last year's performance was dented more noticeably by a slow down in the bowling division, where like-for-like sales fell by 8 per cent, than by absenteeism on the Blackpool beach front.

First Leisure now has a wider range of promising expansion areas than ever. It has already made four applications for new bingo licences since its acquisition of Nudge leisure in June. Disco attendances are up 10 per cent and the chain is capable of expanding from its present 33 to almost 50. Finally, yesterday's acquisition of the Berkshire Racquets and Health Club gives the group a blue print that it can replicate elsewhere.

With net debt of only £30 million, First Leisure has the capacity to double capital spending to pursue these projects. The shares have fallen from a high of over 360p and at 291p they are now on a market rating, which does not look expensive.

FNFC

THE fact that a loss of £22.8 million is regarded as a promising recovery speaks eloquently about the depths of First National Finance Corporation's woes during the recession. The scale of the losses in the past three years, caused by lax lending controls and inadequate security in the eighties, suggest the group never really learnt much after it was bailed out by the Bank of England lifeboat in the early seventies.

The company's warning that it will take three years to return to optimum profitability shows how much more clearing up the balance sheet still needs. The group has not made any meaningful commercial loans since 1991 but still felt obliged to make a further £20 million provision on its remaining portfolio this time. The group will suffer many long and painful farewells from its bad debts.

More positively, there is still strong demand for the group's loans even at the high margins it is charging. New lending looks likely to reach the £6 million a week target in 1994, which should halt the erosion of the asset base, and the £19.7 million profit from consumer lending shows that borrowers will pay premium rates, rates which are being locked in by a systematic securitisation programme.

But such profits are unlikely to reach the bottom line until the second half of the decade, especially since even the £13 million cost of last year's refinancing will not be paid off until 1998. The 71p share price looks well ahead of events.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Headhunting with heads high

WHAT a year it has been for Goddard Kay Rogers, so-called "headhunters to the gentry", and one of the world's largest executive search firms. David Kay, the founder and chairman, died in a plane crash just over a year ago, casting the firm into a period of unprecedented turmoil. Roddy Gow, brought in by Kay as chief executive, left to pursue new opportunities in America; links were forged with an Austrian search firm; an employees trust bought out the shares; and John Castle, former chief executive of Marley, the building materials group, found himself rapidly elevated to the post of group managing director. All this, after years of relative calm, has been watched with considerable interest in the fiercely competitive headhunting industry. "The situation was forced upon us," says long-serving director Sir John Trelawny, now in the role of chairman, who claims a leaner, more focused firm is the result, with revenue up 12 per cent on the year. "There wasn't any time to think about it." GKR, sometimes dubbed "the Cazenoves of Search", will be hoping for a more peaceful 1994.

Firm hold

WHEN Smith New Court issues a "hold" note on shares in Westland, the UK helicopter group, as it has done, it could be wise to heed the advice. A new recruit to its smaller companies analysts team is Harald Hendrikse (who as an accountant with Ernst & Young, audited Westland's accounts. Another new face is Bruce MacDonald, who joins the engineering team after four years as a technologist at Westland. Elsewhere, appointments are flying thick and fast. Morgan Grenfell has appointed Stuart Cook to head its securities business in the Asia region. Based in Singapore, he was previously regional research director of Barings Securities. Commerzbank is shaking up its London bond trading operations with the appointment of Gordon Anderson as general manager responsible for international capital markets activities. Scottish-born Anderson returns from a two-year spell in Frankfurt, where he was head of securities trading and sales. George Clark, previously of Morgan Stanley, becomes head of trading.



Man of trust

KLEINWORT Benson has found an intriguing candidate to chair its European Privatisation Investment Trust, presently raking in the money from eager investors. Shane Ross, 44, is well known in stockbroking circles in the City and Dublin, and is a member of the Irish senate. A former chairman of Dillon & Waldron and ABMS Stockbrokers, he has held a seat in the Senate since 1981 and worked on the privatisations of Irish Life and Greencore. The KB trust is set to raise more than £400 million by the time the offer closes on February 2 — ten times the orginal target.

Sporting choice

SOUTH Africa has changed tack in its drive to attract foreign investment. The latest weapon is sport — as in the World Corporate Games, in which employees from different companies battle it out at cricket, rugby, golf, swimming and a host of other activities. This year's venue is Johannesburg, following on from Kuala Lumpur in 1993. The organisers hope that up to 10,000 competitors may fly south in October, bringing much-need business with them. Guests at a launch dinner at South Africa House in London had the statistics tossed at them: nearly 50 conference venues; 32,000 hotel rooms; 43 international airlines serving Jan Smuts airport, and so on. Johannesburg, of course, is not the safest of cities, and some careful chaperoning will be needed to prevent muggings, bag-snatching and other nasty practices. The African National Congress has given its blessing to the Games, which will serve as a dry-run for greater things. Johannesburg ambitiously hopes to host the real thing — the Olympic Games — in 2004.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

TV advertisers reacted quickly

From the Director-General, The Incorporated Society of British Advertisers

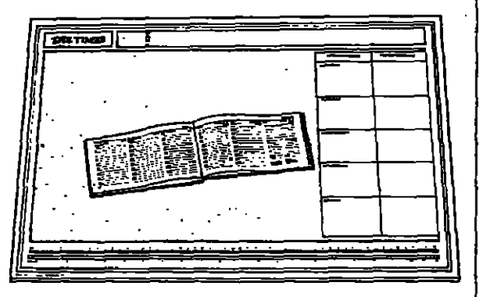
Sir, Pennington (January 11) says "surely we have all known for more than a month that these mergers will account for more than half of ITV's annual advertising revenue". Of course we have — that is why the ISBA was in touch a month ago with the ITC over their rules covering the maximum figure which any one sales house would be allowed to sell, and with the OFT over their recommendations to the Government.

The question at issue is the extent to which the market will be distorted and anti-competitive practices come into play if the sales resulting from these mergers are also allowed to be amalgamated. As you will have understood from the article by Carl Mortished, we believe that this would be extremely undesirable and we want to make sure that the issue is fully understood by the regulators and the Government. Michael Grade, of Channel Four, brought out some of the issues in December, and this association chose to wait until the new year before doing so.

The fact that the potential damage for advertisers has only been discussed in the press in the last few days should not lead you to think we have only just become aware of it. Any "delayed reactions" may be attributed to the fact that the real issues are becoming apparent now, not to the argument that advertisers have taken a time to react.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH MILES,
Director-General,
ISBA
44 Hertford Street, W1

THE TIMES
NEW FOR 1994
Executive Desk Set £19.95 (+VAT)



THE SET COMPRISES

- **1994 DESK PAD**
  52 pages – 1994 calendar – appointments and memoranda.
- **1994 DIARY**
  A unique landscape format which lies flat when open – perforated tear-off corners, covered in luxury soft coran simulated leather.

TO ORDER THIS EXCLUSIVE EXECUTIVE DESK SET

By phone – simply dial **0908 249174** with your credit card and delivery details.

By fax – send credit card details with delivery address by fax to **0908 249100**.

Immediate delivery available. VAT receipt will be enclosed with each order.

FNFC cuts losses but warns of long haul

■ Defaults on home improvement loans, which make up half of the company's new business, are at record low levels and there has been a fall in early defaults

BY SARAH BAGNALL

FIRST National Finance Corporation, the financially troubled consumer credit group, warned shareholders that it would take a further three years to sort out its problems.

The warning came as the company unveiled a sharp fall in losses for the year to October 31 and a resumption of the dividend after a gap of three years. Losses before tax fell from £57 million to £22.8 million and FNFC proposed a dividend for the year of 1p; an enhanced scrip alternative is worth 1.5p. The last dividend shareholders received, in 1990, was 13p.

FNFC's loss per share has fallen from 33.5p to 16.8p and the shares fell 8p before recovering to end the day 1p up at 71p.

The improvement in FNFC's fortunes was fuelled by the core consumer credit business, which turned a pre-tax loss of £4.6 million into a pre-tax profit of £19.7 million. Martin Mays-Smith, the chairman, said: "This considerable improvement was mainly the result of lower bad debt expense and improved margins."

Early defaults on new business have fallen sharply; defaults on home improvement loans, which make up half of FNFC's new business, are at record low levels. Defaults, defined as one or more payments more than 40 days *overdue within seven months* of the business being written, are slightly higher for second mortgages. The rate of new lending rose during the year, particularly at the end, and is now running at more than £5 million a week.

Mr Mays-Smith said he expected the division's fortunes to improve further but there was still substantial lending business dating from the late 1980s which would take time to run off and would diminish overall profitability. "It may, therefore, take as much as three years before this business will be able to display its full profit potential."

Dragging the group into loss was the commercial lending division, pre-tax losses of which increased from £19 million to £23.2 million. The deterioration reflected a rise in bad debt provisions from £14.2 million to £20 million. The division is not taking on any new business because the group wants to concentrate on recovering old debts, to help reduce borrowings. The property division's losses fell to £9.6 million, from £22.8 million last time.

Group borrowings fell from £1.25 billion to £910 million, reflecting the securitisation of £220 million of first mortgages and home improvement loans and last year's £45 million rights issue. Gearing fell from 950 to 610 per cent and will drop further as the securitisation programme continues. FNFC has banking facilities in place until October 1998 *following last year's refinancing*, which involved 107 banks and took five months to put together. The refinancing cost £13 million.



Don Lewin, chairman of Clinton Cards, the greetings cards and soft toys retailer

Festive lift for Clinton Cards

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SALES of Mr Blobby soft toys helped lift turnover at Clinton Cards, the specialist greetings cards retailer chaired by Don Lewin, by nearly 15 per cent in the run up to Christmas.

Barry Hartog, finance director, said the core card business had also performed particularly well, adding that *that the strong growth in sales* had been achieved without resorting to discounting. However he also issued a note of caution saying: "December was a good month in a not so good year. We are not sure what 1994 holds, but it would be wrong to be too bullish about a consumer recovery at this stage."

His view was echoed by William Cullum, retail analyst at Panmure Gordon: "Clinton have obviously had a good December by anybody's standards, but there had been hesitancy in the retail market prior to the budget in November. The Christmas period has to be set in context." He is sticking with his pre-tax profit forecast for the current year of £3 million against last year's actual figure of £2.3 million.

□ TJ Hughes, the Liverpool discount department store operator, said sales in its 13 outlets over Christmas had been "in line with expectations". Although the company refused to give an exact figure, analysts estimated sales were running between 5 and 10 per cent higher than last year.

Southern raises dividend

BY JON ASHWORTH

SOUTHERN Business Group, the photocopier and vending machine supplier, has lifted its payout by 10 per cent, despite a profits slump.

The pre-tax figure fell to £12.1 million (£15.3 million) in the year to September 30, on turnover of £57.7 million (£57.3 million).

Trading was overshadowed by an Office of Fair Trading investigation into the hiring and leasing of office equipment and allegations of overcharging. Last February, Southern admitted that six of its salesmen had acted fraudulently to inflate commissions.

Neil Redding, who resigned as managing director of Benworth, Southern's largest *subsidiary, was reappointed* sales director six months later. The company said it had found no evidence of impropriety while he was a director.

The shares closed down 2p at 82p. David McErlain, chairman and chief executive, said the group had made a "significant and positive contribution" to the OFT enquiry.

A final dividend of 2.45p (2.23p) makes a total for the year of 3.72p (3.38p).

J Saville Gordon payout up

J SAVILLE Gordon, the Midlands property and metals business, is increasing its interim dividend by 100 per cent to 1p a share after doubling pre-tax profits to £2.6 million in the half-year to October 31. John Saville, chairman, said that the company is reducing the disparity between interim and final dividends and told shareholders *not to infer* a similar increase in the final payout (Carl Mortished writes).

Net rental income grew from £2.6 million to £3 million and Mr Saville said that lower interest rates had enhanced property values. Further sales have been made since October. Property trading contributed profits of £537,000 compared with breakeven.

Aer Lingus to lease four Airbus for US routes

AER LINGUS, the troubled Irish state airline, is to lease four Airbus A330 aircraft from International Lease Finance Company (ILFC). The $400 million of aircraft will replace Aer Lingus's three Boeing 747s, which have served its transatlantic routes for more than 20 years.

As part of the deal announced yesterday, ILFC, an American lessor, is to help place the three 747s and two Boeing 767s, aircraft that were leased by Aer Lingus two years ago but which have not been used by the airline. Aer Lingus incurred a loss of Ir£188 million (£180 million) last year. This latest order is the first for an Airbus by Aer Lingus, which had used Boeings in its £600 million medium-haul fleet replacement some years ago. It is also the first large lease signed by Aer Lingus other than with GPA, in which it has a significant shareholding. Aer Lingus said that by the end of the year it will have three A330 jets in service on its routes to New York and Boston.

Harding to head L&G

SIR Christopher Harding is to succeed Professor Sir James Ball as chairman of Legal & General, the insurance company, after its annual meeting in May. Sir James had indicated 10 years ago that he intended retiring at the age of 60. He was 60 last July. He will have served as chairman for 14 years. Sir Christopher, 54, is chairman of BET and a non-executive director of several companies. He was formerly chairman of British Nuclear Fuels. Sir James said he was "delighted that Christopher will succeed me".

Bangkok shares dive

SHARES in Bangkok fell by a record 117.30 points (7.31 per cent) to 1,487.76 after panic selling by institutional investors. Foreign investors pulled out to get into New York and London, brokers said. The drop was the biggest in the exchange's 18-year history. Trading volume was heavy, with 217.3 million shares worth 24 billion baht (£630 million) changing hands. The previous record was set last Friday when the index fell 92.51 points, after a record gain the previous Tuesday of 70.88 points.

Burmah Castrol venture

BURMAH Castol's metallurgical division has established a 50-50 joint venture in China and is investing £1.3 million in the new company, Foseco Jinke, which will manufacture and market products for the aluminium industry. The initial cash injection will be used to build a factory close to the partners' existing production facilities. Mike Dearden, chief executive of Foseco Metallurgical Chemicals, says the group hopes to conclude similar deals for other market segments.

Toys R Us in buyback

TOYS R Us, the world's largest toy retailer, is to spend $1 billion buying its own shares over the next several years. At $38.25, down almost 11 per cent in 12 months, the buyback would represent about 9 per cent of the company. The group whose UK operations have grown to 39 stores in nine years, plans to open a further 115 by the end of this year, 45 in the US and 70 internationally. The group will also expand into the Middle East through a franchise agreement.

THE TIMES

Crossword range

With the exception of the Jumbo books, prices include a mail order charge of 75p per item for the UK only. For overseas supplements see below.
†† = Available in computer format

The Times Book of Jumbo Crosswords £3.99
add £1.26 postage (UK market only)

The Times Jumbo Crosswords Book 2 £4.99
add £1.00 postage (UK market only)

The Times Jumbo Concise Crosswords Book 1 £4.99
add £1.00 postage (UK market only)

The Times Crosswords, Books 1 to 13
(Penguin) £4.74 each

The Times Crosswords, Books 14, 15 & 16 £4.25 each ††

The Times Concise Crosswords, Books 1 & 2
(240 puzzles) £5.74 each

The Times Concise Crosswords, Books 3 & 4 £4.25 each ††

The Sunday Times Crosswords, Books 1 to 9
(Penguin) £4.74 each

The Sunday Times Crosswords, Books 10 and 11
£4.25 each ††

The Sunday Times Concise Crosswords, Books 1 & 2
£4.25 each ††

NEW! from Times Books:

The Seventeenth Book of The Times Crosswords £4.25 ††

Fifth Book of The Times Concise Crosswords £4.25 ††

The Twelfth Book of Sunday Times Crosswords £4.25 ††

The Times Computer Crosswords
by David Akenhead

Available for IBM PCs and Acorn computers including Archimedes range, now with advanced graphics and help facilities and designed for beginners and experts alike - on 3.5 and 5.25 discs (please specify)
(circa 60 crosswords each)

The Times Computer Crosswords Vols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ††

The Times Jubilee Puzzles 1932-1987 (56 crosswords) ††

The Times Concise Crosswords 3 (100 crosswords) ††

The Sunday Times Computer Crosswords Vols 1,2,3,4 ††

NEW! Just released:

Sunday Times Computer Crosswords Volumes 5 & 6 ††

Software prices: £14.95 per title

Additional mail order charges including airmail postage
Europe (inc Irish Rep) add 50p per item
Zone 1 add £1.00 per item (inc America, Africa)
Zone 2 add £1.25 per item (inc Australia, N Zealand)
Surface mail add 50p per item

US dollar cheques welcome - (£1 = US$1.50)

Please send cheques or postal orders (sorry, no credit cards) payable to Akom Ltd, Times Crossword Account to Akom Limited, 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW

Enquiries, telephone 081-852 4575 (24 hours)
Return delivery (UK)

Court of Appeal — Law Report January 13 1994 — Court of Appeal

No power to revive appeal

Ogwr Borough Council v Knight and Others

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment January 11]

Where an appellant decided not to pursue his appeal and sought an order for its dismissal, the Court of Appeal had no jurisdiction, once the order had been perfected, to reinstate the appeal or to allow the appellant to begin a fresh appeal.

The Court of Appeal so stated granting an application by Mrs Mary Knight, substituted with the court's leave for her late husband, Mr Edward Knight, to strike out an application made by Ogwr Borough Council for an extension of time for appealing from Mr Justice Mervyn Davies who, on May 18, 1989, allowed an appeal by Mr Knight, *inter alios*, from a decision of the Commons Commissioner, Mr Martin Roth, given in 1988 in respect of land at Merthyr Mawr, Glamorgan.

Following the borough council's notification to the Civil Appeals Office that they no longer wished to continue with their appeal and sought its dismissal by consent, an order was made on August 7 and sealed on August 25, 1989 dismissing the appeal with costs.

In December 1992, after the House of Lords' decision in *Hampshire County Council v Milburn* ([1991] AC 325), the council applied for leave to appeal out of time from the judge's decision.

Mr Vivian Chapman for Mrs Knight: Mr Robin Campbell for the council.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON rejected Mr Campbell's argument that the court had inherent jurisdiction to reinstate an appeal which had been struck out or dismissed; that where there had been no hearing the court was not *functus officio*: but that it had a general discretion to reinstate or allow a new notice of appeal if *there had been an order of dismissal* without consideration of the merits.

His Lordship said that once the order of dismissal had been perfected the court had no jurisdiction to revive the appeal or allow a fresh appeal to be brought. In the light of *In re Samuels* ([1945] Ch 364, 370-371) and the observations of Lord Greene, Master of the Rolls there, it was a matter of jurisdiction.

Reinstatement could not take place unless the matter fell within recognised exceptions: as, for example, where an appellant did not appear and the appeal was dismissed without being heard or determined: see *Brooksbank v J. L. Rawsthorne & Co* ([1951] 2 All ER 413).

The exceptions were all to be *distinguished from the present* facts where the appellant had sought the dismissal of the appeal and the order doing so had been perfected. The policy reason was clear to see: it was a fundamental principle that there be finality in litigation.

On present facts it was not open to the borough council to seek to revive an appeal it had had dismissed or to commence a new appeal.

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Staughton delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Edward Harris & Son, Swansea; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr J. Graham Coles, Bridgend.

Hearing actions

Practice Note (Vibration white finger actions)

Arrangements for the disposal of a group of personal injury actions were announced by Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, on January 12.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said:

1 The Practice Note applied generally to "British Coal and Tyne Tees Contractors Vibration White Finger (VWF) Litigation," that is, any action in which a party whether by claim or counterclaim, alleged that he or she had suffered personal injuries in the form of the condition known as vibration white finger in the course of his or her employment by British Coal Corporation or by Tyne Tees Contractors Ltd.

2 Actions in the High Court

All interlocutory proceedings in such actions commenced in the High Court would, so far as possible, be heard at the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, Newcastle upon Tyne District Registry by Judge Stephenson and not by other judges, masters or district judges, save for minor or consent matters, as directed by Judge Stephenson.

3 The listing of interlocutory proceedings in the High Court in any such actions before Judge Stephenson would be facilitated if all British Coal and Tyne Tees Contractors VWF litigation cases which were not proceeding in the Newcastle upon Tyne District Registry were transferred there.

4 Solicitors should make any necessary applications for transfer promptly, and were reminded that by the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No 3) 1991 there had been substituted for Order 4, rule 5(4) a rule enabling the court of its own motion to make orders transferring cases from the Royal Courts of Justice to a district registry and from one district registry to another.

5 Actions in county court

It was appropriate that existing actions commenced in any county court other than Newcastle upon Tyne County Court be transferred to that court. Solicitors should therefore make application under *County Court Rules Order 16, rule* 1 for an order of transfer. A court had a discretion to transfer cases of its own motion.

6 New actions

Any new actions to which the Practice Note applied should be commenced in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, Newcastle upon Tyne District Registry or in the Newcastle upon Tyne County Court.

7 Failure to comply

Any delay or increase in costs occasioned by unjustified failure to comply with the Practice Note might be considered on taxation of costs.

Using evidence from video tape

Regina v Jones (M. A.)
Regina v Dowling
Regina v Jones (D. H.)
Regina v Brown

Before Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Douglas Brown

[Reasons December 21]

Where the victim of an attack by a group of assailants at a public house was unable, following the attack, to name any one of his attackers it was, nevertheless, proper to admit his evidence at the subsequent trial identifying each of four defendants as being among his attackers from his own recollection of the incident and after he had seen a video recording, made on a date after the attack, of all the customers then present at the *public house*.

To ask a victim to view such a video recording, which in substance was making use of modern technology in order to carry out the equivalent of a street or group identification, would seem to be a natural part of the investigation process and one which involved no unfairness to a defendant, provided it was carried out in an acceptable manner.

Although Code D of the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s 66) Codes of Practice* did not apply to that procedure, the overriding requirement of fairness, and the court's general discretion to exclude evidence which, although *legally admissible*, was unduly prejudicial to a defendant, meant that the use of such material in the course of a police investigation was subject to supervision by the court.

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving reasons for dismissing, on December 13, 1993 the appeals of Mark Anthony Jones, Joseph Anthony Dowling, David Henry Jones and Paul Andrew Brown against their convictions on May 6, 1992 in Warwick Crown Court, before Judge Gosling and a jury, of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm and of violent disorder.

Mr Peter Carr, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for M. A. Jones, J. A. Dowling and D. H. Jones (but not at trial for D. H. Jones); Mr Peter Haynes, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for P. A. Brown; Mr David A. F. Jones for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS, delivering the judgment of the court, said that after the attack on May 3, 1991 the victim, a doorman at a public house, while unable to name his attackers, could identify at least one in the sense that he was known to him as a previous customer. Shortly afterwards the owners of the public house installed video equipment resulting in a video recording being made of all the customers who were there on May 28.

On May 29 that was shown to a witness, the barman on the evening of the disturbances, and he pointed out one customer as having been present then. Police officers who saw the recording with him were able to name the customer and also recognised three others.

On May 31 the video recording was shown to the victim, who identified four persons in it as having taken part in the attack. They were the same four as those recognised by the police.

In the result, the victim gave evidence identifying the four from his own recollection of the attack, but only after seeing the video recording made later and after the police who saw it with him had indicated that they were able to name the four persons whom he recognised then.

The admission of that evidence gave rise to the main issue on appeal. It was submitted that there were breaches by the police of the *statutory code of practice, and the* evidence ought, in fairness to the appellants, to have been excluded under the provisions of section 78 of the 1984 Act.

It was submitted, *inter alia*, that from the moment when the first witness who saw the video recording identified one of the persons he saw as having been present during the disturbances on May 3 the identity of a suspect was known to the police and that; accordingly, one of the four methods of identification listed in Code D 2.1 should have been employed, and none was carried out.

The prosecution submitted that Code D 2.1 had no application until such time as a dispute regarding identification evidence had arisen, and no such dispute could arise until the evidence had been challenged, or not accepted, by the suspect. Therefore the police were free to obtain other forms of identification evidence, and from other witnesses, until such time as the suspect had been confronted with the evidence in question.

In the instant case that situation had not arisen until long after the victim had seen the recording and identified the four appellants.

In their Lordships' judgment that submission was correct. It was important to bear in mind that the code set out practices to be followed by the police and was not concerned directly with the admissibility of evidence, even though the consequences of a breach of the code might be that the evidence, if it failed to surmount the fairness hurdle in section 78, might be excluded.

There was no element of unfairness in the present case. In substance the video recording was equivalent to a street identification or to an informal group identification held on May 28.

To hold that the investigating police were not entitled to show the recording to the victim of the assault, or to any witness of it, with a view to obtaining identification evidence, would be to impose a substantial restraint upon their ability to investigate the matter fully and properly.

The present appeal had shown that the modern practice, now quite common, of making routine video recordings of places where crimes had been or might be committed could mean that video films were available to investigating police officers, and that their use was not governed by the express terms of the code of practice.

It was worth emphasising that where a video recording was made on a later occasion than when the crime was committed, the process of identification of a suspect by a witness involved at least three stages.

First, did the witness identify, in the sense of recognising, a person who was present on the later occasion and was shown in the video film? If so, did he identify or recognise that person as having been present on the earlier occasion when the crime was committed? Finally, if he did, then could he identify that person as having taken part in the crime itself, as opposed to merely being present when it was committed?

For the reasons given the evidence was properly admitted.

Solicitors: CPS, West Midlands.

Agreement not legally binding

In re Selectmove Ltd

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment December 21]

The fact that a creditor might derive practical benefit from agreeing with a debtor to take payment by instalments did not constitute consideration such as to make the arrangement legally binding on the creditor.

The Court of Appeal so held rejecting an appeal by Selectmove Ltd from a compulsory winding-up order made on January 19, 1993 by *Judge Moseley, QC*, sitting as a judge of the Companies Court.

Mr Christopher Nugee for the appellant; Mr A. W. H. Charles for the respondent, the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said in talks with a collector of taxes the company had offered to pay by instalments its debts to the Inland Revenue and it was agreed for the purposes of the appeal that the inspector had said he would come back to the company if the arrangement was not acceptable.

The company had begun paying the instalments and had not heard from the Revenue until October, when it had threatened the company would be wound up if the arrears were not paid forthwith.

Mr Nugee had relied on a passage in *Williams v Roffey Bros & Nicholls (Contractors) Ltd* ([1991] 1 QB 1) for the proposition that a promise to perform an existing obligation could amount to good consideration provided there were practical benefits to the promisee.

That was a case in which the obligation was to supply goods and services, and Mr Nugee had argued that the same principle *applied* to an obligation to pay. But if that argument was accepted the principle laid down by the House of Lords in *Foakes v Beer* ((1884) 9 App Cas 605) that an agreement to pay an existing debt by instalments was not enforceable would have no application.

Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice *Stuart-Smith* agreed.

Solicitors: Stockler Charity, Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

The qualifying puzzle for

THE TIMES KNOCKANDO CROSSWORD CHAMPIONSHIP 1994

will appear on Thursday 20th January

If you are a full time student and would like to enter but feel you can't afford the entry fee, here's a solution:

1 F R 2 E E 3 E N 4 T R 5 Y

Sharp retreat

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 4. Dealings end January 14. §Contango day January 17. Settlement day January 24. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Nat	486	...	11.8	3.0	18.7
314	179	Allied Irish	308	+3	...	3.4	15.7
226½	130	Ans New Z	222	...	...	4.1	∞
3806½	2712½	BankAmerica	3175	-37½	...	...	...
318	177	Bk of Ireland	318	+6	...	...	...
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	...	3.9	23.5
240½	116½	Bank Scotland	218½	...	17.0	5.2	...
652	392	Barclays	594½	-2	4.6	2.7	29.7
30	15½	Carlisle	30	-2½	...	2.6	...
625	395	Cater Allen	623	...	28.0	5.6	...
177	85	Cattles	175	...	...	...	...
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2300	-9½	...	3.2	23.3
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2575	...	...	...	...
545	250	Close Bros	544	...	...	2.5	19.8
£155	9275	Commerzbk	£148½	-11½	...	2.7	...
£348½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£322½	-587½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	71	+1	1.5	2.7	∞
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
539	343	Gerrard Nat	485	...	21.5	5.5	12.9
987	490	HSBC	891	-25	20.0	2.8	27.3
1007	474	HSBC HK	904	-27	20.0	2.8	21.6
403	263	Hambros	400	-3	14.3	4.5	18.5
433	313	Joseph (L)	428	...	16.7	4.9	...
155	96	King Shaxson	135	...	9.0	8.3	...
607	312	Kleinwort Ben	606	-1	16.7	3.4	21.0
690	492	Lloyds	624	+4	19.1	3.8	17.8
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	96	+½	2.9	3.8	19.0
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	558	-10	...	4.1	∞
634	398	Nat West	585	-12	17.8	3.8	35.5
473	270	Provident	473	...	12.4	3.3	20.5
64	39	Rea Bros	64	...	0.5	1.1	68.0
470	207	Ryl Bk Scot	452	-9	...	3.0	31.4
1373	467½	Schroders	1368	-5	...	1.1	22.2
1283	576	Stand Chart	1161	-18	20.5	2.2	...
262	145½	TSB	252	+2	6.4	3.2	...
190	78	Union Disc	166	+1	...	...	...
974	539	Warburg SG	954	-2	...	2.6	13.9
8831¼	4843½	Wells Fargo	8812½	+37½	...	2.3	...
214	121	Westpac	213	-1	...	2.6	∞
325	188	Wintrust	314	+1	9.3	3.7	28.3

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	661	-10	...	4.0	18.3
647	441	Bass	555	-7	...	4.5	15.0
299	189	Boddington	277	-2	7.5	3.4	16.1
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	394 †	-2	...	3.3	15.8
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	181	-2	4.7	3.3	15.1
160	75	Eldridge P 'A'	160 †	+4	...	2.8	∞
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	63	...	...	4.3	∞
441	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	441 †	+3	7.5	2.1	18.9
499	373	Grand Met	484½	-4½	...	3.4	18.5
475	347	Greenalls Grp	459 †	...	...	3.4	13.8
575	505	Greene King	545 †	-6	...	2.9	15.3
521	388	Guinness	484	-6	...	3.1	18.1
281	230	Hardy Hanson	241	...	8.5	4.5	∞
138	105	Heavitree	135	...	3.0	2.8	32.2
373	295	Highland Dist	373	+14	...	2.2	18.5
3150	2538	Holt J	3150	...	42.0	1.7	20.5
80	35	Hoskins Brew	78 #	...	...	...	56.2
323	290	Lovgordin Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	127	...	4.3	4.3	28.5
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	435	...	...	2.5	20.7
246	164	Mansfield	236	-1	...	2.1	16.9
299	231	Marston Thmp	272	...	...	2.6	15.2
580	398½	Matthew Clark	580	...	...	3.9	19.3
300	210	Mrydwn W	233	...	7.0	3.8	20.8
580	455	Morland	525	+5	...	2.3	18.0
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	1.8	∞
227	145	Regent Inns	225	-2	...	2.5	22.9
1521	793	SA Breweries	1451	-26	...	1.9	24.0
554	393	Scot & New	544 †	+1	...	3.9	16.7
325	155½	Taunton Cider	167	-5	6.2	4.7	13.0
283	213	Vaux Group	273 †	+5	9.5	4.3	∞
381	225	Wetherspoon JD	377	+4	...	1.8	29.3
592	435	Whitbread 'A'	565	-7½	...	4.0	13.6
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	525	...	12.6	3.0	∞
515	475	Young 'A'	515	...	14.7	3.6	21.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
183	73	Abbey	183	...	...	1.4	29.7
25½	12	Albrighton	18 †	...	...	0.7	...
160	87	Allen	150	...	...	4.2	34.0
132	65	Amec	130	-2	3.0	3.1	22.2
12	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	...	...	...
353	150	Ashtead	353	+2	...	1.6	37.3
143	101	Attwoods	131	+1	...	4.8	...
360	180	BPB Ind	335	-8	...	2.8	40.1
105	57	Baggeridge Brk	105 †	+1	3.1	3.7	∞
32	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	32	...	0.6	2.3	...
108	74	Barcon	82 †	...	3.0	4.6	∞
56½	32½	Bardon	50	-1½	2.0	5.0	24.6
242	94	Barratt Devs	236	-2	4.0	2.1	∞
502	305	Bellway	501	...	12.0	3.0	∞
54	15	Bellwinch	56	...	...	...	...
542	295½	Berkeley Gp	530 †	-4	...	1.5	28.6
118	45	Bett Bros	118	...	...	2.1	15.2
68	36	Blockleys	61	-2	1.0	2.0	47.4
358	189	Blue Circle	351	+6	...	4.0	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	281	+2	6.0	2.7	15.8
106	78	Breedon PLC	104	...	4.6	5.5	25.6
133	82	Br Dredging	133	...	5.2	4.9	29.5
86	45	Brit Fittings	80	...	1.7	2.7	...
175	99	Bryant	175	...	...	3.4	35.3
138	53	CALA	138	...	...	2.1	...
375	200	CRH	374	+5	...	2.3	20.5
43	18	Cakebread Rby	35	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	32	...	...	...	...
173	86½	Countryside	167	-2	...	3.1	∞
105	38	Crest Nicholson	103	-2	0.0	...	...
115	27	Cussins	111	-3	...	1.1	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	24	...	0.3	1.6	...
285	178	Epwin	276	...	7.0	3.2	23.4
59	32	Erith	58	...	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group	448	...	...	2.9	10.8
198	97	Freeman Gp	198	+18	...	3.2	31.5
50	38	Gallford	46	...	...	2.6	...
87	52	Gibbs & Dandy	87	...	...	2.9	...
923	665	Gleeson (MJ)	913	...	...	1.7	15.9
152	75	Hewden-Stuart	151 ‡	...	...	2.3	32.3
51	28	Hewetson	47	...	...	3.4	34.3
430	173	Heywd Wim	427	-3	13.0	3.8	...
142	37	Higgs & Hill	136	-2	2.5	2.3	...
38	26	How Gp	38	...	...	5.0	...
38	15	Howard Hldgs	26	-½	0.5	2.4	...
86	39	Ibstock Johnsen	86	...	1.0	1.5	...
25	12½	Jarvis	16½	-½	...	...	...
328	196	Laing (J)	324	...	9.0	3.5	13.0
127½	101	-do- 6¼% Cv Pf	126	...	...	6.3	...
135	55	Ln Clydeside	135	+10	4.5	4.8	30.8
23	10	Lovell (YJ)	12½	-1½	...	...	...
398	240	Manders	395	...	8.3	2.9	24.3
199	93	Marley	184	+1	4.2	2.7	37.8
139	61	Marshalls	133 †	...	...	3.8	...
238	122	Maunders (J)	223	...	...	2.9	31.5
264	96	McAlpine (A)	260	-3	6.5	3.1	45.0
63	23	McCarthy & S	60	-2	0.5	1.0	...
546	222	Meyer Int	539	+1	...	2.3	34.0
145	62	Mowlem (J)	145	+1	4.0	3.4	...
184	51	NSM	168	-8	...	...	...
48	18	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
179	106	Newman Tnks	179	+1	...	4.7	21.9
326	197	Persimmon	319	-1	8.6	3.4	32.5
17½	9	Phoenix Timber	13½	-½	...	...	...
1750	1237½	Pochins	1750	...	38.0	2.1	25.0
198	80	Prowting	186	...	3.4	2.3	...
1017	555	RMC Gp	1008	-2	...	2.5	37.8
117	75½	Raine Ind	96½	-½	...	3.0	22.8
36	18	Ransom	25	...	...	...	...
611	402	Redland	603	+2	25.0	3.2	35.1
85	64	Rudsel	74	-1	4.3	7.3	10.9
342	237	Rugby Group	328	-2	8.4	2.5	29.1
68	23	Sevild-Evea	38	...	...	0.5	...
155	66	Sharpe & Fisher	155	...	...	3.0	28.7
276	86½	Sheffield Insul	257	-1	...	2.6	63.1
258	82	Sheriff Hldgs	258 †	...	...	1.8	∞
106	68	Shorvins	106	+2	...	6.1	24.1
240	196	Smart (J)	228	...	...	4.2	17.2
6½	1½	Sturmin	3	...	...	...	...
195	100	Tarmac	181	-6	5.5	3.8	...
214	131	Tay Homes	213	...	...	2.4	38.3
166	63	Taylor Woodrw	153	-3	1.0	2.4	...
643	433	Tilbury Douglas	643	...	33.0	6.4	20.0
43	19	Torex Hire	42	...	...	1.2	...
315	168	Travis Perkins	315	+1	8.0	3.2	55.5
21	5½	Trencherwood	18½	-½	...	...	...
40	25	Try Group	32	...	1.0	3.0	9.1
29	21	Tudor	28	...	...	1.5	...
101	41	Vibroplant	100½	+1½	2.5	3.1	36.1
65	20	Ward Hldgs	52	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	455	...	...	3.3	19.6
23	6½	Wescol	23	...	...	...	...
203	90	Westbury	203	...	5.0	3.1	31.7
4½	3	Wiggins	4½	...	...	...	...
512	362	Wilson Bowdn	507	-2	...	2.2	35.7
232	147	Wilson (C)	225	-5	3.9	2.2	39.0
198	104	Wimpey G	192	+6	...	3.4	...
47	15	YRM	29	...	0.5	2.2	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	403	ADT	615	+2	...	...	...
313	198	Adam & Harvey	313	...	13.0	5.2	5.7
92	56	Air London	68	...	...	6.4	12.1
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	138	-1	...	5.5	24.7
154½	84	BET Ord	150½	-1	...	1.9	6.1
135	41	BNB Res	133	...	4.9	4.6	...
319	183	BPP	248	+1	8.3	4.2	13.5
178	154	BSM	155	-2	...	4.7	13.6
285	195	Barbour Index	236	...	8.0	4.3	16.0
28	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	206	+1	4.7	2.9	15.0
26	11	Broadcastle	22	...	...	1.4	17.5
73	48	Brooks Service	59	...	...	1.1	...
109	86	CRT Gp	107	+1	...	3.4	18.8
240	139½	Capita Group	217	...	...	1.3	33.9
57	31	Caskey Plc	52	...	...	2.2	20.0
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	23	...	...	...	...
70	26	Christie	63	-3	...	...	...
384	228	Chubb Sec	380	+1	...	1.7	23.6
116	90	Comaca	111	+1	...	1.7	28.0
44	6½	Corp Services	42	...	...	...	...
91	20	[illegible]	85	-2	...	...	...
179	50	Dan	161	-3	3.3	2.6	21.8
256	108	Davis Service	250	...	...	4.0	18.8
124	85	EW Parks	119	...	4.4	4.7	13.6
32	11	Gardiner	26	+1	0.4	2.0	18.0
305	215	Hays	305	+8	...	2.2	26.6
264	174	Hogg Robinson	261	+1	...	3.2	19.2
70	34	Holmes Protectn	36	...	...	...	3.2
344	127	Hutch Whamp	280	-30	...	1.7	23.1
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2100	...	...	1.0	14.5
627	475	Inchcape	546	+2	...	3.2	17.8
883	669	Johnson Clean	883	+6	25.7	3.6	19.3
12	2½	Lep	6½	...	...	...	...
295	173	Mitie Gp	294	...	3.5	1.5	22.9
1214	893	Manpower	1202	-6	...	...	...
67½	40½	Michael Page	67½	+1	1.8	3.3	28.7
279	115	Pertna	115	...	...	8.7	4.3
4½	2	Prime People	3½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	64	...	...	20.3	3.5
423	332	RCO	360	-5	14.1	4.9	12.3
118	86	REA	105	...	2.0	2.4	...
121	43	Reed Executive	120	+1	...	...	...
136	105	Reliance Secs	115	...	...	4.9	24.7
255	178	Rentokil	245	-2	2.5	1.3	30.6
340	220	Rolfe & Nolan	340	...	...	2.7	23.3
399	319	Salvesen (C)	345	+2	...	2.9	22.9
51	26	Scott Dickinson	49	...	...	2.0	15.6
10	5	Select Appts	9½	+½	...	...	...
1303	695	Secom Gp	1303	...	13.3	1.3	36.0
352	83	Sherwd Cmpa	110	...	...	8.0	3.2
130	90	Sketchley	102	+1	...	3.7	23.3
395	310	Warner Howard	327	...	6.6	2.5	17.1
45	27	Wetpac	27	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	27	...	...	1.9	18.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	200	Allied Colloids	237	...	...	2.3	28.7
1041	613	Amersham	999	-7	...	1.7	28.8
7	2½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£119½	8325	BASF DM	£116	-96½	...	5.7	...
358	199	BIP	338	...	...	3.5	22.1
£143½	£1105	Bayer DM50	£138½	-180½	...	3.9	...
178	102	Blagden	146	+21	6.5	5.6	18.7
165	95	Brent Chems	126	...	...	7.3	11.5
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	348	...	...	...	...
5	3	Caird Gp	5½	...	...	22.2	16.0
180	138	Canning (W)	170	+5	7.2	5.4	10.5
608	421	Courtaulds	511	-6½	...	3.5	12.8
352	228	Croda	352	+1	...	2.8	20.2
149	103	Doeflex	117	...	4.8	4.9	9.0
290	175	Ellis & Everard	290	+5	...	1.7	23.7
42½	15½	Euro Colour	35½	-½	0.8	3.1	17.0
350	259	Halstead (J)	330	...	...	2.3	17.3
244	150	Hickson	128	-3	...	5.6	10.5
£123½	8850	Hoechst	£117½	-100	...	2.7	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	185	-3	...	3.5	17.0
805	608	ICI	723	-23	...	4.4	...
930	576	Laporte	736	-4	18.9	3.2	28.1
230	181	Leigh	213	+8	...	4.4	18.8
97½	35	MTM	53	+1	...	...	...
2125	1402½	Norsk Hydro	2125	-37½	...	1.3	30.3
470	370	Paterson Zoch	466	...	...	3.4	15.8
425	360	-do- 'A'	423	...	...	2.7	14.7
286	198	Plysu	222 †	-1	...	3.7	18.0
389	173	Porvair	372½	+2½	3.8	1.7	29.1
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	55	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	455	...	...	4.7	21.0
575	395	Wolstnhlme R	575	...	17.0	3.7	19.3
425	330	Yorks Chem	422	+6	...	2.3	22.6
300	233	Yule Catto	288	...	...	2.6	17.0
860	595	Zeneca	842½	-17½	...	4.1	49.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	64	...	...	5.9	...
231	173	Allders	229	-1	...	3.3	17.7
87	42	Amber Day	68	-2	1.3	2.7	∞
410	257	Argos Plc	373	-7	...	2.4	31.8
25	9	Ashley Group	9	-½	...	2.6	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	82	-3	0.1	0.2	...
330	228	Asprey	318	...	5.2	2.1	20.5
195	94	Austin Reed	187	-1	...	1.7	...
156	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	156	...	...	4.9	15.7
140	94	Benalls	135	-2	1.9	1.8	...
278	125	Betterware	133	-3	...	2.0	15.0
47	22	Blacks Leis	37	...	2.2	7.6	...
238	133	Body Shop	234	-1	...	0.9	30.2
16½	9½	Brown & Jackson	12	...	...	0.8	6.2
434	318	Brown (N)	426	...	...	2.1	25.0
87½	60½	Burton	65½	-½	...	3.9	...
205	126	Cantors	205	...	...	2.4	28.6
440	295	Church	440	...	12.5	3.6	39.2
183	97	Clinton Cards	165	+2	4.3	3.3	19.9
280½	212	Coats Viyella	264	...	...	3.6	36.5
120	78	Colourvision	118	...	3.6	5.9	21.2
181	154	Cty Casuals	168	+2	...	3.1	15.6
935	374	Courts Furnish	900	...	5.6	0.8	11.3
155	115	Crown Eyes	155	...	...	6.0	10.6
137	80	Dairy Farm Ind	116	-9	...	3.1	17.0
99½	51½	Dewhirst (I)	99½	...	0.8	1.0	31.9
293	189	Dixons Grp	233	-5	...	3.4	...
21	8	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
530	400	Ellis (Wimbldn)	530	...	18.0	3.8	18.2
244	71	Essex Furn	220	...	...	2.0	25.5
273	203	Etam	254	+2	7.0	3.4	23.5
608	499	Fine Art Dev	516	-2½	13.0	3.2	16.8
70	24	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
695	490	Forminster	685 †	...	14.5	2.6	12.6
180	24	French Conn	126	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	69	-1	...	3.8	21.4
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	91	...	0.3	0.4	...
630	334	GUS	592½	-27½	...	2.5	18.2
40	21	Hampden Grp	21	...	...	6.0	10.4
277	30	Hartstone	67	...	...	...	...
33½	20	Helene Plc	31	-1½	2.0	8.1	14.6
108	29	Heritage	108	...	...	...	...
86	35	Honeysuckle	78	-3	...	3.6	∞
211	63	Jacques Vert	203	+2	...	2.2	15.4
783	496	Kingfisher	725	+2	...	2.4	25.0
76	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	75	...	4.0	6.7	15.5
685	495	Liberty	538	...	7.2	1.5	63.3
380	241	Lloyds Chem	357	-5	...	2.5	12.6
168	120	MFI	165	...	...	2.8	34.7
461½	311	Marks Spencer	446½	-3½	...	2.4	22.8
588	445	Menzies (John)	588	...	...	2.3	16.7
274	135	Moss Bros	268	...	5.5	2.6	31.5
240	139½	Next	234	...	3.5	2.0	26.7
41	15	Oliver (G)	40	...	...	...	...
325	197	Oriflame Intl	317	+3	...	3.9	15.3
63	24	Pentos	36	...	0.8	2.8	7.5
313	185	QS Hldgs	265	+15	5.1	2.6	12.4
69½	20½	Rhino Grp	45	...	...	...	...
190	120	Rosebys	190	...	...	3.2	22.8
181	135	Sherwood Gp	159	...	...	2.0	14.3
131½	93	Sears	123	-1	...	3.6	...
41½	11	Signet Group	30	-1½	...	...	...
530	400	Smith WH 'A'	512	-10	...	3.5	16.8
122	83	-do- B	121	...	...	2.9	19.8
20	4½	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	238 †	-1	...	2.6	23.5
191	146	T & S Stores	154	-1	6.0	4.9	11.5
162	71	Tie Rack	160	...	1.0	0.6	26.2
255	180	Time Products	254	...	7.7	3.8	21.9
128	63	Usher (Frank)	118	+2	...	6.4	10.2
486	302	Vendome	426	+1	...	1.8	19.8
45	27	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
48	34	Wensum	47	...	...	5.0	...
120	76	Wickes	112	+1	...	0.2	50.9
78	45	Wld of Leather	59	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	187	...	...	2.9	24.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	151	...	...	4.1	15.2
275	223	Acal	265	...	...	3.1	18.9
490	385	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
171	104	Alba	171	+3	...	3.6	19.3
50	19½	Alphameric	34	-1	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	44	-½	0.5	1.4	∞
128	61	App Holo	83	+3	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	34	-1	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	85	+1	...	0.4	...
266	230	Azlan	260	...	...	1.4	31.0
293	234	Beales Hunter	241	+1	...	4.9	14.9
9	2	Bennett & Fountn	4	+1	...	...	...
451	319	BICC	432	-15	19.2	5.6	...
558	408	Blick	485	...	10.2	2.7	∞
1700	925	Borland	1300	...	...	...	...
394	270	Bowthorpe	366	-6	...	2.4	24.3
489½	376	BT	461½	-2½	...	4.4	17.8
232½	158	BT PP	206	-1	...	4.3	22.0
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	-½	0.1	0.7	...
160	48	Burnfield	60	-5	5.7	12.0	9.5
548	334½	Cable Wireless	494	-16	...	1.9	25.8
27½	11½	Chloride	27½	-½	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro	276	...	...	2.1	20.1
115	74	Comptr People	113	...	...	...	...
173	108½	Cray Elect	171	-1	...	1.1	17.6
437	243	Critchley	436	+2	...	1.4	25.1
554	404	Delta	521	+4	...	3.4	21.8
463	305	Denmans Elec	469	...	...	1.7	19.7
620	395	Domino	417	+2	7.4	2.2	14.2
75	48	Dowding Mills	75	...	...	4.2	32.1
1463	865	Druck	1463	+18	10.3	0.9	31.1
554	358	Electrocomponts	546	-7	...	1.9	22.9
710	470	El Data Pt	595	...	5.5	1.2	∞
160	43	Electron House	153	-7	2.6	2.1	33.5
30½	10½	Emess	24	...	0.1	0.5	...
745	442	Eurotherm	744	...	9.5	1.6	∞
202	108	FKI	194	-2	...	2.1	28.4
608	349	Farnell Elec	606	+6	...	1.4	32.1
91	33	Feedback	77	...	...	3.4	9.9
18	1	Ferranti	1 ‡	...	...	...	...
305	181	First Tech	305	+1	...	0.8	25.3
270	81	Forward Gp	233	...	...	2.1	16.5
22½	13½	Forward Tech	20	+2	...	...	...
367½	284	GEC	328½	-6	10.4	4.0	16.4
190	132	Graseby	168	...	...	8.2	35.3
14	7½	Greystone	11½	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hitechn	48	...	...	1.6	...
188	83	INSTEM	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
168	110	Ind Control	149	...	...	3.7	15.0
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	16.6
105	26	Kalamazoo	103	-1	2.7	3.3	23.0
9	6	Kenbery	8	...	0.1	1.6	...
384	260	Kenwood App	383	...	...	2.6	21.3
247	42	Kewill Sys	221	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	142	+2	6.0	5.3	16.8
54	16	Laser-Scan	35	+12	...	...	...
366	142	[illegible]	144	...	...	...	...
358	205	Lec Refrig	259	...	9.0	4.4	...
230	164	Life Sciences	158½	-2½	3.7	3.0	17.2
285	164	Logica	285	+4	...	1.8	32.9
55	44	LPA Ind	52	...	...	8.5	14.3
222	162	MR Data Mngmt	213	+1	...	3.0	20.0
718	523	Macro 4	718	+5	...	3.1	21.8
247	175½	Memtec-Swa	247	...	...	1.9	21.9
3043	902	Micro Focus	1080	-5	...	...	9.9
227	144	Microgen	148	-1	7.2	6.1	10.1
35½	23½	Microvitec	33½	-1½	...	...	...
520	[illegible]	Misys	513	...	...	1.7	18.7
594	[illegible]	Mitel	460	+8	...	...	...
156	108	MMT Comput	156	...	...	3.2	21.2
52	16	Molynx	37	...	1.3	4.4	...
272	202	MTL Instr	260	...	...	1.8	19.6
165	105	Multitone Elect	141	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
269	116	Murray Electr	266 †	...	...	1.9	∞
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2750	-75	...	...	...
188	126	Neotronics	127	...	2.6	2.6	16.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	53	...	...	...	...
295	58	Norbain	282	...	...	0.7	22.1
75	20	Northamber	50	+1	0.6	1.5	...
19½	5	Oceonics	7	...	...	...	...
357	195	Oxford Inst	336	+2	4.6	1.7	23.0
83	48	P-E Internl	79½	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	69	-1	1.5	2.7	36.6
95½	55	Peek	91	-1	3.4	4.7	23.8
222	115	Pegasus	214	...	...	3.7	54.9
£102½	9000	Philips Fn 4%	£102½	...	...	5.6	...
1500	725	-do- Lntp nv	1450	-37½	...	...	...
403	211	Photolink	372	-22	...	...	...
325	171½	Pilco	325	+1	...	1.6	22.3
315	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	315	+1	...	1.6	26.4
86	63	Plasmec	72	...	...	5.2	6.1
120	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
210	81	Psion	210	...	...	1.5	55.8
261	147	Racal Elect	199	-2	4.2	2.7	11.8
70	33	Radamec	48	...	...	3.9	10.3
70	34	Radius	39	...	2.3	7.2	13.5
92	61	Real Time	75	-7	...	5.0	15.4
35	15	Rivo	18	...	...	...	22.8
629	367	Sage Gp	515	-3	9.9	2.4	∞
348	222	Sanderson Elec	333 †	+3	9.9	3.7	14.2
89	49	Scantronic	81	...	3.1	4.9	22.2
205	117	Scholes Grp	194	-4	...	3.2	25.1
375	270	Sema Gp	319	...	2.9	1.1	25.9
42	26	Silvermines	42	...	...	3.0	...
72	37	Soundtracs	72	...	...	3.9	24.3
2675	1737½	TDK	2300	...	...	1.4	26.0
27	4½	TDS Circuits	17½	+3½	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	159	-3	0.8	0.6	26.2
1065	809	THORN EMI	1046 †	-17	...	3.8	24.2
152	98	Thorpe FW	135	...	...	2.3	15.7
103	23	Total Systems	36	...	1.5	5.2	6.4
373	372	Tunstall	365 †	...	7.0	1.5	∞
296	164	Unitech	278	+1	...	2.7	65.9
15	6	Verity	12	-1	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec	23½	...	...	2.0	13.0
624½	367	Vodafone	591	-20	...	1.6	25.7
473	368	Volex	454	-3	18.1	5.0	18.6
26	11	Western Selectn	20	...	0.2	1.6	...
303	223	Wholesale Ftgs	303	+3	11.7	4.8	32.3

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
676	389	East Midlands	626	-4	...	4.2	11.0
704	399	Eastern Elect	643	-4	...	4.0	12.1
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	452	-2	...	3.3	15.7
677	404	London Elect	625 †	-5	...	4.3	11.8
772	458	Manweb	731	-6	...	3.8	9.0
731	429½	Midlands Elec	680	-7	...	4.0	10.6
510	373	National Powr	482	-10	...	2.9	11.9
741	440	Northern Elec	694	-15	...	4.1	9.0
283	100	Nthn Ireland	269	-3	...	3.2	12.9
768	439	Norweb	710	-10	20.8	3.7	10.1
572	223	PowerGen	552	-9	...	2.3	14.5
487	285	Scottish Power	401	-2	...	3.2	17.0
754	436	Seeboard	713	-8	...	3.6	11.1
770	489	Sth Wales	728	-5	...	4.0	11.0
706	426	Sth Western	647	-14	...	4.1	9.4
734	406	Southern Elec	661 †	-5	...	3.9	8.8
692	455	Yorkshire Elec	661	-8	...	4.1	12.3

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	54	...	1.0	2.3	11.5
133	47	BWD	131	...	...	3.2	20.8
111	26	Baltic Plc	109	...	...	1.1	...
623	417	Caledonia	625	...	...	3.1	23.2
1900	1075	Camellia	1900	...	...	2.0	2.1
350	243	Candover	348	-5	10.4	3.8	24.6
385	71	Flextech	370 #	...	...	0.2	...
402	155	Govett	402	-3	...	4.1	11.8
208	125	Ivory Sime	208 †	+3	...	4.2	18.0
8½	3	LIT	7½	-½	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaitng	236	...	8.7	4.6	12.2
81	6	Manakin	80 †	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10½	+½	...	...	...
53	40	Newmarket	53	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Bs	317	+2	6.5	2.6	19.3
26	17	Rutland Tst	22½	-1	...	4.4	13.4
340	253	S & U	313	...	10.2	4.1	11.6
95	48	Singer & Fried	95	+3	...	3.9	...
1138	713	Sotheby's	1105	...	...	3.1	...
147	113	SP Capital	145	-2	3.0	2.6	30.8
206	183	Towry Law	204	-1	...	2.8	20.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1497½	Amer Express	1962½	...	...	...	...
1135	835	Henderson Ad	1023	...	...	5.1	23.6
208	92	Invesco	190	...	...	1.0	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	265	-21	...	3.0	11.1
285	154	MAI	275½	-5½	...	3.1	17.4
728	389	MAM	719	...	16.0	2.8	18.0
1033	633	M & G	1033 †	...	25.0	3.0	∞
443	109	Smith New Crt	443	+7	...	2.0	4.3
81	45	Trio Hldgs	56	-2	2.5	5.7	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
573	456	AB Food	571	-1	...	3.3	11.7
77½	48½	ASDA Group	61½	+1½	1.6	3.4	...
348	170	Acatos & Hutch	348	+2	8.0	2.9	∞
70	55	Albert Fisher	67	+2	3.7	7.0	∞
407	246	Argyll	295	+1	...	4.7	10.6
260	160	Banks (S C)	250	...	9.5	4.6	11.4
402	305	Barr (AG)	312	+1	6.5	2.6	∞
85	56	Bensons Crsps	66	...	...	5.4	14.8
141	100	Berisford Intl	128	-1	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	437	-3	...	6.2	37.9
52	35	Borthwick	50½	...	...	3.0	62.7
505	430	Brake Bros	468	...	6.3	1.7	19.5
51	37	Budgens	37	...	...	3.4	11.2
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	539	+3	...	3.1	19.0
217	78	Carrs Milling	217 †	+51	...	3.5	15.8
196	139	Cranswick	156 †	-6	...	6.4	14.8
22	8½	Cullens	15½	...	0.5	4.0	44.5
384	319	Dalepak	345	...	6.0	5.2	11.4
521	424	Dalgety	517	+4	...	5.0	14.8
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
264	191	Devro	259	...	...	2.7	24.6
134	99	Everest	102	...	...	4.6	18.3
390	269	Farepak	390	...	5.7	1.8	24.0
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	75	+1	...	6.9	24.9
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	18.0
483	257	Geest	257	-19	8.1	3.9	11.6
16	7	Global	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
50	43	Grand Central	50	...	0.8	2.0	...
208	139	Hazlewood Fds	158	-1	...	5.1	8.9
186	131	Hillsdown	174	-4	8.8	6.3	13.7
259	146	Iceland Group	192	+4	...	2.3	12.1
131	92	JLI Group	106 †	...	...	5.5	11.7
853	542	Kwik Save	608	-9	...	3.8	11.0
262	144	Low (Wm)	193	...	...	5.4	6.8
90	41	Matthews (B)	89	...	2.3	3.3	58.3
19½	11	Merchant Retail	15½	...	0.9	7.8	31.3
174	84	Morrison (W)	112	+2	...	0.9	14.6
233	177	Nichols (JN)	226	...	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	207½	Nthn Foods	242	-2½	...	4.4	11.8
20½	8	Nthmbrn Fine	9	...	...	...	...
229	173	Nurdin Peack	182	...	...	4.2	10.4
286	205	Park Foods	282	...	...	2.7	21.7
115	58	Perkins Food	64	-1	...	8.7	7.4
121	47	PizzaExpress	118	-2	...	0.5	24.9
9	1½	Regina Hlth	5	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	457	+3	...	2.8	16.0
86	33	Senty Farms	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	90	Sims Food	104	-3	...	7.8	20.0
439	359½	Tate & Lyle	429	-2	...	3.8	11.5
273	176	Tesco	235½	+6	...	3.9	10.7
211	123	Thorntons	182	...	...	2.5	...
205	107	Treats	200	-2	...	2.5	∞
411	300	Unigate	407	+2	...	5.0	13.3
437	326	Utd Biscuits	385	+1	...	5.0	23.8
24½	18½	Usborne	21	...	...	3.2	15.5
358	248	Watson & Phil	358	+15	14.3	5.1	∞
59	30½	West Trust	37	+1	...	9.1	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Hse	26	...	1.5	2.1	22.1
93½	77	City Centre Rest	91½	...	...	3.5	20.8
269	170	Forte	265	+1	...	4.1	34.1
215	148	Friendly Hotels	175	...	...	...	...
11½	5	Harmony Props	9½	-½	...	...	...
169	87	Jarvis Hotel	163	-6	...	3.9	13.2
222½	142	Ladbroke	201½	+3½	11.1	6.9	17.2
96	59	Mandarin Orntl	88	-6	...	3.8	21.8
2	1½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	17½	Ryan Hotels E	21½	-1½	...	5.8	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	793	...	7.0	1.1	...
77	34½	Stakis	75	...	1.0	1.7	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	48	+7	...	22.9	2.9
616	455	AAH	498	-1	...	4.4	16.6
185	123	AIM	147	...	7.5	6.4	8.9
132	88	AFV	126	...	...	5.4	...
236	81	ASW	180	-10	...	4.7	...
192	118	Adwest	190	-1	...	4.7	18.3
29	10	Aerospace Eng	21	...	...	4.7	26.3
300	249	Airsprung	300	+3	...	1.9	19.2
198	113	Alendra W	198	...	4.1	2.6	31.3
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	288	...	...	3.5	17.0
48	17	Alvis	40¼	+½	1.0	3.1	∞
725	345	Amber Ind	725	...	...	3.3	16.6
56	45	Amberley Gp	50	...	...	2.5	...
107	75	Anagen	80	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	83	+8	...	4.5	...
1350	703	Antofagasta	1320	-5	...	1.5	24.4
54½	37	Armour	51	-½	...	4.0	12.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	168	...	6.4	4.8	17.2
4	2	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.9	42.5
541½	434	Avon Rubber	520	+5	...	4.0	∞
270	168	Assoc Nursg	270 †	...	...	0.5	16.6
687½	488	Atlas Equip	493	...	...	5.6	12.4
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
233	147	BBA	202	+3	...	4.6	17.2
115	28	BLP Group	115	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	29½	-1½	0.5	2.7	...
770	590	BOC	738½	-21½	...	4.5	15.1
79½	58	BSG	72	...	...	5.6	25.1
549	353	BSS Group	547	...	...	3.9	30.5
409½	318	BTR	349½	-5	...	4.0	19.4
231	147	BWI	180	...	...	5.2	14.8
50	25½	Babcock	35½	-½	...	3.9	21.2
9½	4½	Bailey (CH)	9½	+1½	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	258	+5	8.9	4.3	17.9
1062½	400	Barlow Rand	412½	...	...	8.4	∞
86	48	Baynes (Charles)	65	...	...	2.8	36.6
28½	14	Beating Power	22 †	...	0.7	4.3	∞
5	4	Beauford	4	...	...	...	...
15	2	Beckenham	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	15½	-½	...	2.4	11.7
707	285	Bespak	380 †	+5	10.2	3.5	11.3
133	55	Bibby (J)	73	+4	2.0	3.4	∞
312	129	Billam (J)	203	...	5.3	3.3	10.2
41	31½	Bilston Burrem	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	4½	...	...	...	...
248	118½	Birkby	248	...	3.7	1.8	12.9
45	29	Black Arrow	31	...	2.1	8.5	9.7
1½	¼	Black & Edgntn	1½	...	...	...	...
256	136	Black (Peter)	266	...	3.7	1.8	23.4
590	129	Bluebird Toys	578	+1	...	1.0	17.6
322	230	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.3	18.2
40	23	Bogod 'A'	33 †	...	0.7	2.7	12.3
609	416	Boots	562	-7	...	3.0	22.2
61	39	Booth Inds	57	-3	...	...	...
523	402	Bowater	477	+13	...	3.1	19.9
1682	1180	Bowater Inc	1603	-42	...	...	...
279	199	Boxmore Intl	259	...	...	1.8	19.4
19	12½	Brasway	16½ †	...	...	3.8	...
308	204	Brammer	308	+1	13.0	5.3	22.9
29	12	Bridgend Gp	26	-1½	0.4	...	...
125	64	Bridon	123	...	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	81	...	...	3.9	...
53½	31	Brierley Inv	52	+1	...	6.5	12.8
308	180	Br Bldg & Eng	200	...	8.0	5.0	∞
119	42	Br Bloodstock	104	-4	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	452	...	...	2.8	16.2
135½	54	Br Steel	123	-3	...	1.5	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	21.8
195	115	Br Thornton	156 †	-11	...	4.0	16.2
271	215	Br Vita	271	+1	7.3	3.4	16.7
19½	5½	Britton Grp	15½	...	...	1.5	...
848	555	Broken Hill	837	-11	...	2.2	37.9
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	94	-4	...	6.0	12.0
11½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	54	+1	...	...	...
165	91	Bullough	165	...	6.0	4.6	28.3
24	11½	Business Tech	14½	-½	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	15	...	...	...	...
42	11	Campbell & Arm	40	...	0.5	4.8	14.4
39	6½	Cannon St	34½	+1	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	260	+2	...	5.0	17.6
440	254	Caradon	430	+4	...	2.5	34.8
234	138	-do- pf	207	-½	7.2	4.4	...
286	178	Carclo Eng	286	+3	8.6	3.8	20.3
2888	2025	Carnaud Md	2263	-25	...	2.7	∞
82	68	Cassidy Bros	82	...	...	3.7	13.3
235	158	Castings	234	...	4.6	2.5	16.5
71	53	Cathay Intl	64	-1	...	...	...
250	217	Celltech	221	-1	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	175	...	6.5	4.6	10.9
753	605	Charter	749	...	...	3.7	11.5
345	220	Chemring	312 †	...	9.0	3.6	∞
92	45	Chieftain Gp	46	...	4.5	12.2	9.9
45½	15½	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
233	144	Christies Int	231	-2	...	0.8	57.3
70	34	Claybithe	70	+2	...	4.5	...
78	35	Clayton Son	60	...	...	...	...
415	295	Cohen (A)	415	...	3.4	1.0	...
245	179	Community H	245	...	...	3.5	16.7
246	186½	Concentric	228	...	5.8	3.2	∞
262	120	Cook (Wm)	250	-1	6.0	2.6	17.6
257	182	Cookson	251	...	...	3.0	33.2
91	38	Copymore	91	...	...	1.4	27.8
238	130	Crowll Ptr 'A'	155	...	...	4.6	21.0
178	92	Cosalt	125	+1	5.3	5.4	∞
255	150	Creighton Nts	234	-1	...	3.6	18.2
48	27	CrestaCare	40	...	0.6	2.0	34.6
4000½	2993½	Dana	3950	-43½	...	...	...
345	78½	Danka Bs Sys	315	-12	...	0.6	29.9
262	193	David Brown	262	+2	...	2.9	18.6
22	5	Davies (DTH)	18	...	...	...	...
882	632	De La Rue	881	-7	...	2.7	21.2
38	16	Dinkie Heel	37	-1	1.1	3.7	29.5
590	391	Diploma	575	-8	12.0	2.6	∞
92	50	Dobson Park	91	...	3.7	5.2	∞
119	92	Dyson (JJ)	115	...	5.0	5.4	21.2
83	57	-do- 'A'	82	...	5.0	7.6	15.1
16½	8	EPG	14	...	...	...	...
448	358	EIS	422	+11	...	1.6	16.7
28	19	Elbief	24	-1	...	...	...
50	19	Eleco	48	...	...	...	...
2532½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2412½	-37½	...	2.2	...
75	43	Elliott (B)	75	+3	...	...	...
512	394	Eng China Cl	510	+3	...	4.9	28.7
144	111	Environmed	140	-4	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2912½	-9½	...	1.0	...
86	32	Eurocopy	85	...	1.7	2.5	∞
87	47	Expamet	80	...	...	5.9	14
725	499	Fairey Group	724	-1	19.7	1.8	22.3
121	47	Fenner	114	+4	...	...	...
88	32	Ferraris Group	88	...	2.0	2.8	∞
29	13	Ferrum	13	...	1.4	13.5	9.1
66	28	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	...
251	102	Fletos	139	-1½	...	7.8	12.9
58	29	Fitzwilton	58 †	...	...	7.6	...
288	215	Flogas	263	...	...	3.8	12.0
40	33	Folkes Group B	45	-1	1.5	4.2	25.5
103	56	French (Thmas)	103	+3	3.6	4.5	∞
263	162	Frost Group	263	...	...	2.1	34.1
88	70	GEI Intl	78	...	...	4.0	...
569½	434	GKN	569½	+2½	...	4.5	38.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	4.4	...
117	71	Garton Eng	117	-3	4.1	4.4	...
168	103	Gestetner	142	-2	8.2	7.2	6.2
88	22	Glevum	61	-2	...	...	45.6
801	509	Glaxo	666	-16	...	4.1	17.4
38½	16	Glenchewton	36	...	...	...	...
374	245	Glynwed	363	+6½	11.6	4.0	36.2
152	66	Goode Durrant	151	+10	...	4.6	...
185	102	Grampian Hld	176	-1	5.5	3.9	30.6
587	341	Granada	558 †	-14	...	2.5	23.1
462	301	Great Sthrn	462	...	...	3.1	19.0
117	73	Green (Ernest)	82	+1	...	10.7	12.4
15½	8½	Greenacre	14½	...	...	2.0	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp	6 #	...	...	...	...
70	30½	Haden MacLn	70	...	...	...	...
102	44	Hadleigh Inds	93	-1	...	1.6	25.2
290	115	Hall Eng	277	...	8.6	3.9	23.1
235	161	Halma	222 †	-2	...	1.2	27.8
56	30	Hampson Ind	54	...	1.6	3.7	17.8
286½	222	Hanson	271½	-½	...	5.2	20.1
221	146	Harris (Philip)	154	+3	...	5.6	9.3
305	147	Harrisn Cnsld	201	-3	9.0	5.6	29.0
158	38	Havelock Euro	155	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
40	17	Headway	38	...	...	3.3	...
17½	1½	Healthcare	1½	...	...	...	0.5
486	301	Hepworth	468	+6	14.8	4.0	20.2
228	160	Hewitt (J)	203	...	3.2	2.0	15.9
57½	15	High-Point	53	-3	0.5	1.2	...
186	112½	Hill & Smith	186	...	...	3.8	25.9
19½	6½	Hobson	17	-½	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	44	...	0.9	2.6	33.3
188	133	Hornby	187	...	...	6.0	17.7
97	54½	Howden	95	-1	2.2	3.0	17.4
260	173	Hunting	238	+2	...	5.3	20.1
513	269½	Huntleigh Tec	510	...	...	2.5	13.0
349	247	IMI	345	-2	...	3.6	30.6
131	90	ISA Intl	130	...	1.5	1.5	20.2
205	131	Intercare Gp	158 †	+4	...	2.6	∞
290	235	Isotron	290	...	4.3	1.9	16.8
707	380	Jardine Math	598	-18	...	2.1	27.3
558	425	Johnson Matth	550	-6	...	2.4	21.5
64	39½	Johnson & FB	39	...	...	4.3	37.1
177	104	Johnston	160	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Stdpman	26	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.1	...
178	73	Kalon	167	+½	...	2.6	23.2
297	195	Kelsey Ind	230 †	...	8.0	4.3	∞
755	465	Kenshaw (A)	750	...	27.0	4.5	38.9
276	75	Kleeneze	269 †	...	1.0	0.5	∞
164	61	LGW	163	...	3.4	2.7	13.5
379	266	Laird	375	-3	...	3.5	18.5
157½	103	Lilleshall	145	...	...	3.8	19.1
123	97	Lincat	205	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse	32½	...	...	...	26.8
128	76	Linread	113	...	...	3.1	...
340	170	Linton Park	338	...	3.8	4.2	17.5
15½	9½	Lionheart	11½	...	...	5.2	12.2
22½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	0.2	2.1	...
224	97	Lon Intl	152	...	0.8	6.3	24.7
149½	70	Lonrho	141	-3½	6.2	5.1	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	378	...	4.0	3.5	...
49	14½	ML Hldgs	44	...	...	3.1	52.9
57	37	MS Intl	57 †	...	...	...	...
39	27	MY Holdings	52 †	+1	...	5.5	34.9
245	168	Macfarlane	245	...	...	3.1	13.7
473	379	McKechnie	473	+9	...	1.7	27.7
122	85	McLeod Russel	121	+12	14.7	3.9	∞
106	63	Magnolia	100	-5	...	0.3	17.9
132	71	Mang Bronze	130	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
26½	19½	Marling	24	...	2.5	2.4	∞
229	124	Mayborne	228	...	...	4.9	...
62	29	Mayflower	56	...	...	2.0	17.5
236	85	Medeva	142½	-2	...	1.0	46.8
118	88	Meggitt	103½	-1	...	2.1	11.6
125	98	Metair	121	-1	...	4.6	17.6
154	112	Metrotect	122	+1	...	3.8	19.8
101	70	Metsec	101	+1	...	3.3	17.0
98	29	Midstates	96	-2	...	1.0	13.4
5	½	Middlesex	4	...	...	...	...
575	368	Molins	569	-1	...	3.2	13.7
389	282	Morgan Crble	384	...	...	4.1	20.1
184	134	Morris Ashby	177	+1	...	4.1	13.3
39	18	Neepsend	39	+1	1.0	3.2	52.3
74	34	Nesor-BNA	72	-½	3.1	5.5	17.2
249	122	Nobo Gp	249	...	5.3	2.7	24.4
195	122½	Norcros	184 †	...	...	4.8	26.9
51	33	Novo Group	35 †	...	...	3.9	11.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	399	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	58	...	...	...	...
63½	21	OMI Intl	63 †	...	...	...	...
165	123	PCT	162	+2	...	3.5	...
91	36	Pacer Systems	83	...	...	5.6	18.4
138	87½	Pentland	117	...	...	5.2	...
395	285	Photo-Me	288	-3	4.6	2.0	18.6
186	97½	Pilkington	186	+2	...	1.7	...
96	68	Plastuck	96	...	3.1	4.0	15.1
156	125	Polypipe	155	...	2.1	1.7	20.9
42	15	Porter Chadburn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
14½	5½	Porth Gp	12½	...	...	...	...
376	272	Powerscreen	336	-2	...	2.5	17.5
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½	...	0.8	5.2	∞
65	37½	RPS Group	57	+1	2.3	5.0	12.6
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil	164	-3	...	0.8	54.9
1036	636	Rank Org	981	-12	31.0	4.0	26.8
33	13	Ransomes	10	+1	...	...	...
725	332	Reckitt Colm	691	+6	...	3.0	15.9
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
277	131	Relyon	270	...	5.0	2.3	32.4
303	208	Renishaw	298	...	...	2.7	35.4
135	55	Renold	131	-2	...	1.6	...
1887	1240	Reuters	1825	-47	22.1	1.5	30.2
87	24½	Rexmore	84	-1	2.0	3.1	...
196	91	Ricardo Group	193	...	...	3.7	27.3
76	58	Richard (Leics)	71	-1	3.0	1.0	...
98	63	Richardson West	92	-1	3.0	4.1	23.6
142	109	Ropner	138	+1	8.2	7.5	19.6
136	97	-do- 'A'	134	+1	8.2	7.7	19.0
38	14	Ross Gp	18½	...	0.6	4.4	7.6
184	131½	Rotork	177	...	...	2.6	20.7
171	89	Rupicon	171	-1	...	3.3	24.0
66	43	Russell (A)	65	...	...	1.0	...
38	15	SBP Indl	38	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1212½	625	SKF 'B'	1212½	+37½	...	0.6	...
248	208	Scapa	240	-1	...	3.0	17.0
238	179	Scholl	195	+1	...	4.0	14.2
329	277	Scotts	289	-2	...	...	...
1190	917	Securicor	1190	+25	2.6	0.3	45.3
910	562	-do- 'A'	910	+8	2.6	0.4	34.6
780	465	Security Serv	780	+13	5.1	0.8	38.6
139½	77	Senior Eng	139½	+½	...	3.0	22.5
361	278	Seton Health	327	...	...	2.3	10.3
43	31	Sheldon Jones	33 †	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	140	...	3.0	2.7	15.1
344	271	Sidlaw	326	...	...	4.0	16.2
587	427	Siebe	572	+6	...	2.3	30.0
383	230	Silentnight	366	...	...	2.7	19.5
181	102	Sime Darby	140	...	...	3.9	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	126	-2	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	187	...	...	4.7	14.6
47	35	Six Hundred	39	...	...	4.8	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	156½	-1½	...	3.8	17.4
513	373	Smithkline	401	-6	9.6	3.0	14.5
450	340	Smithkline Ut	370	-6	...	3.3	12.5
473	330	Smiths Ind	473	+½	...	3.1	19.0
140	56	Sthn Bus	82	-2	3.7	5.8	∞
470	265	Spandex	470	...	...	1.8	20.9
660	300	Spear (JW)	590	...	4.5	1.0	10.3
389	314	Spirax-Sarco	389	+15	...	3.0	24.4
145	44	Spring Ram	54	-½	...	0.6	...
225	201	Stanley	225	...	...	4.7	12.7
204	126	Sterling Ind	204 †	...	...	3.6	31.3
195	97	Suter	195	...	9.0	5.8	20.4
611	344	Swire Pacfc 'A'	493	-26	...	1.8	∞
7	1	Sycamore	3	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53	...	...	7.3	10.1
175	120	Syltone	175 †	...	...	3.4	25.3
455	279	TI	438	-13	...	3.1	29.9
34	12	TLS Range	34	...	...	0.9	...
340	211	TT Group	340	...	...	2.4	20.9
281	201	Takare	281	+1	...	0.8	24.5
808	618	Takeda Chem	706	+19	...	0.9	13.4
68	34	Tex Hldgs	60	...	...	...	...
109	78	Tinsley (E)	101 †	+2	...	6.9	17.4
240	150	Thona	219	...	...	2.4	∞
254	212½	Tomkins	249	-6	...	3.4	16.2
173	59	Trafalgar H	98 †	-3½	...	4.1	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	83	...	3.2	4.8	10.5
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	146 †	...	...	6.0	17.6
111	98	Ugland	98	...	...	...	...
281	214	UniChem	223	-3	6.4	2.9	17.9
390	275½	Unidare	390	...	...	3.3	∞
76	11½	Unigroup	36	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1186	-10	22.2	2.4	15.9
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7587½	-107½	...	2.8	12.5
24½	9	Utd Inds	15	...	...	...	...
958	513	VSEL	950	-5	...	4.0	10.3
19½	6½	Verson	19	-½	...	...	...
183	95½	Vickers	177	-4	...	1.6	...
362	343	Victaulic	359	...	...	3.4	14.3
479	293	Vinten	479	...	...	1.9	22.3
694	427	Vosper Thorny	683	+1	...	3.0	15.8
48	37	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.3	12.0
475	366	Wagon Ind	475 †	+1	...	4.6	20.9
8½	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	17.7
307	71	Walker Greenbk	107	+2	3.1	3.6	27.3
299	201	Wassall	277	-5	2.7	1.2	22.9
51	22	Watford Widgwd	50	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	321	-1	...	2.4	18.1
993	600	Wellcome	674	-22	...	3.2	14.3
23½	16	Wellman	23½	...	0.9	4.8	38.4
384	260	West Hldbrn	384	...	...	1.2	24.7
510	455	Whatman	500	+2	9.2	2.4	16.9
353	211	Whessoe	239 †	-1	8.2	4.3	∞
96	27	Whitecroft	96	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
137	44	Wilkes (James)	137	+2	3.5	...	40.1
403	295½	Williams Hldg	386	-9	12.5	4.0	20.2
46½	17	Wilshaw	42½	+½	...	1.6	26.8
898	533	Wolseley	878	-11	...	1.9	26.2
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	43	...	...	2.9	...
88	38	Young (H)	84	-1	3.3	4.9	∞

INSURANCE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1197½	Alex & Alex	1325	-37½	...	5.0	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1925	...	...	3.8	...
80	30	Archer (AJ)	79	...	1.0	1.6	...
156	118	Bradstock	156	+1	5.5	4.5	∞
498	359½	Britannic	447	-3	...	3.2	...
688	556	Com Union	669	-9	...	4.6	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1748	...	...	1.6	23.1
51	18	FAI	51	+2	...	...	...
757	546	Gen Accident	726	-3	26.7	4.6	...
236	160	GRE	223	-4	7.1	4.0	18.5
423	293	Heath C E	412	-4	...	4.9	...
328	148	Hogg Gp	166	...	8.1	6.1	15.1
300	255	Independent Ins	300	...	...	3.4	27.6
215	162	JIB Group	182	...	...	5.2	18.7
546	408½	Legal & Gen	525	-6	...	4.6	31.9
1271	768	Liberty Life	1224	-9	...	2.6	19.4
121	99	LIMIT	117	...	...	...	...
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	449	+1	17.3	4.8	16.1
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	301	...	6.7	2.8	18.7
395	274	Londn & Man	389	...	14.7	4.7	28.7
448	321	Lowndes Lmb	448	+3	14.0	3.9	16.1
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5550 †	+43½	...	3.2	...
130	76	Oriel	112	...	...	5.6	...
79	50½	PWS	77	...	4.0	6.5	11.2
395	282½	Prudential	368	-4	...	4.2	24.4
375	260½	Refuge	348	...	...	3.6	38.8
347	248	Royal	325	-8	...	5.4	...
204	150	Sedgwick	187	-1	...	4.0	23.0
261	100	Steel Burrill	136	...	...	11.0	8.0
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	75	+1	3.0	5.1	∞
418	307	Sun Alliance	390	-8	14.2	4.6	...
98	50	Trade Indemnty	95	...	...	...	...
388	239	Transatlantic	385	...	12.0	3.0	35.7
773	499	Utd Friendly	580	-15	15.1	3.4	25.3
245	171	Willis Corroon	229	-2	...	3.6	49.2
25	13½	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
450	304	Ang & O'seas	440	-6	6.8	1.9	55.9
161	124	BZW Conv	157	-2	7.8	6.2	16.4
210	133½	Bankers	206	-3	3.6	2.2	∞
372	264	Baring Tribne	368	-2	6.4	2.2	58.2
203	131	Berry Starq	201	-2	2.2	1.4	65.4
117	90½	Br Assets	110½	-1	...	4.8	26.3
93	57½	Br Empire Sec	92	-1	...	1.3	78.4
36	14	-do- Wnts	35½	-½	...	...	...
223	156	Br Inv	220	-2	4.6	2.6	49.6
262	174	Brunner	259	-2	5.2	2.6	∞
221	130	Contl Asset	218	-2	2.4	1.4	72.5
195	143	Derby Inc	157	...	...	11.3	9.4
320	195	-do- Cap	310	-8	...	...	...
97	62	Drayton Blue	94	-2	8.4	11.2	10.4
92	35	-do- Eng Intl	91	-1	1.0	1.4	...
150½	84	-do- Far East	134	-8	0.6	0.6	...
165½	95	-do- Korea	164	-1	0.5	0.4	...
772	576	Dunedin Inc G	754	-9	...	4.3	34.7
100	76	-do- Japan	97	-2	...	...	...
62	34	-do- Warrants	62	+2	...	...	...
788	513	-do- Wwde	767	-19	...	1.5	79.2
309	222	Dundee & Lon	309	...	...	3.6	35.4
348	250½	Edinburgh	335½	-3½	8.5	3.2	36.7
331	165	Electra Inv	324 †	-6	7.0	2.7	∞
208	141	Electric Gen	206½	-½	3.1	1.9	84.3
122	85	English Scot	122	...	...	...	...
341	205	European Asset	338	-3	...	2.1	41.9
150	77	Finsbury 'A'	149½	...	3.0	2.5	48.1
323½	246	Fleming Amer	317½	-1½	0.8	0.3	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	110½	-14	...	...	...
92	52	-do- Warrants	62½	-13½	...	...	...
250	190½	-do- Claves	247	-2	...	2.7	48.7
364	212	-do- Contl	360	-3	2.7	0.9	...
229	147	-do- Emrg	226	-2	...	2.6	45.7
499	213	-do- F East	410½	-30½	1.1	0.3	...
378	246	-do- Fledg	376	-1	3.0	1.0	...
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	112½	-3½	...	4.9	19.2
260	136	-do- Japan	247	+6	...	0.2	...
317½	250	-do- Merc	313½	-3	6.7	2.7	67.1
335	212	-do- Oseas	325	-6	4.2	1.6	68.0
298	203	Foreign & Col	297½	-2	...	1.5	...
140	59½	-do- Emg Mkts	128	-7½	0.2	0.3	∞
74½	44	-do- Enterprise	74	-½	0.4	0.7	...
251	164	-do- Eurotst	249	-1	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	134	-1	0.5	0.5	...
357	191	-do- Pacific	329	-15	...	0.8	...
186	116	-do- Smaller	184½ †	-1½	1.8	1.3	...
272	145	GT Japan	262	-3	...	0.6	...
180	65	Genl Cons Cap	176	-3	...	...	...
127½	116	-do- Inc	112	-1	...	9.4	11.6
179	115	Govett Am Smlr	176	-2	...	...	...
144	94	-do- Emg Mkts	133	-7	...	...	...
420	184	-do- Oriental	386	-30	0.9	0.3	...
309	207	-do- Strategy	298	-9	...	2.8	41.6
438	340	Greenfriar	438	...	...	1.8	66.8
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
154	124	Inv Cap	149	-4	...	4.3	28.6
111	77	IRS UK Smllr	100	-2	2.8	3.2	30.4
236	150½	Kleinwort Chrt	230	-3	5.1	2.8	∞
264	176	-do- O'seas	254	-4½	3.3	1.6	72.2
144	108	-do- Smlr	144	...	...	3.0	34.9
526	440	Law Debenture	515	-9	18.5	2.8	40.7
226	164	Majedie	224	...	...	3.6	41.8
316	221	Merchants	308½	-6	...	4.5	28.4
3341½	1850	Merrill Lynch	3850	+6½	...	...	...
592	383	Monks Inv Tst	576	-12	...	1.5	73.0
155	105	Morg Gren Inc	149	-5	4.5	3.8	∞
59	23	Do Warrants	58	-1	...	...	...
64	39	Murray Euro	64	+½	0.1	0.3	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	23	-½	...	...	...
389	282	Murray Incme	372	-6	10.9	3.7	35.5
394	285	-do- Intl	376 †	-8	11.6	3.9	33.9
579	263	-do- Small	529	-10	...	1.0	...
103	89½	-do- S/C Inc	94	+1	...	14.1	∞
153	73	-do- S/C Cap	152	-1	...	...	...
3250	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3250	...	...	4.1	∞
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	150½	...	...	...	...
358	230	-do- Vent	356	...	...	3.8	28.8
94	68	Nwthrop Inc	94	...	6.7	9.1	17.4
386	249	O'seas Inv Tst	379	-5	...	1.0	...
647	295	Pacific Assets	528	-51	1.1	0.3	...
545	187	Do Warrants	432	-50	...	...	...
8850	7693	Personal Assets	8825	...	193	2.7	52.1
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	182	-3	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	125	-½	9.2	9.2	12.5
465	350	Robeco	425	...	...	1.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	430	...	...	1.8	...
295	214	St Andrew Inv	295	...	7.5	3.2	39.7
174	131	Scot American	167½	-2½	...	3.5	35.4
371	156	Scot Asian	315	-30	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	953	-60	...	...	...
92	63½	-do- Eastern	87½	-2	1.5	2.2	77.6
249	183	Scottish	243 †	-2	4.9	2.5	∞
257	178	-do- Mtge	247	-6	4.0	2.0	64.1
136	71	-do- Value	126	-1	1.8	1.8	∞
1748	1390	Second Allnce	1728	-17	...	2.8	43.5
103	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	99½	-1	3.2	4.1	32.9
172	109½	Selective Asset	171	-1	1.2	0.9	61.5
46½	14	Sphere Inv	46	...	3.1	8.4	14.8
205	112	TR Far East	176½	-15	...	3.5	33.6
167	126	TR City Of Lon	161½	-3	...	3.7	34.9
249	110	TR Pacific	203	-18½	0.3	0.2	...
41½	17	TR Property	39	-1	0.9	2.9	40.9
136	47	TR Tech Inv	132	-1	1.7	1.7	49.0
210	146	TR Smlr Cos	204	-4	...	2.3	47.2
399½	283	Temple Bar	387	-3	13.2	4.3	29.2
135	69	Thrmtn Asian E	123	-8	0.5	0.5	...
86	54	Throgmorton	83	-2	2.3	3.5	33.9
550	363	Thrmg Dual Cp	540	-3	...	...	...
260	178	USDC Invest	258	-1	4.5	2.2	47.5
120	74½	Value Inc Tst	119	-1	4.0	4.2	29.9
930	542	Whitbread Inv	925	...	16.5	2.2	55.7
249½	181	Witan	239½	-2½	5.6	2.9	41.9

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
539	269	Airtours	535 †	-2	...	2.1	17.1
64	41	Ald Leis	42½	...	...	8.8	13.9
482	194	Anglia TV	482	+5	...	2.4	22.3
103	63	Baldwin	98	...	4.6	5.9	13.3
289	192	Barr & W 'A'	267	...	10.0	4.7	17.2
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	-20	22.0	2.3	17.9
158	90	Border TV	146	-4	...	3.1	13.0
16½	4	Brent Walker	5½	-½	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scotts	103	-10	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6½	...	...	...	...
292	53	Campari	53	-10	8.7	20.6	...
364	171	Capital Radio	364	+11½	5.7	2.0	∞
970	718	Carlton Comm	929	-21	...	2.5	21.9
270	158	Castle Comm	270	+2	...	3.9	17.9
2998	1615	Central TV	2940	-48	39.0	1.7	32.0
124	61	Chrysalis	118 †	...	3.2	3.4	...
699	470	Compass Gp	694	...	...	2.3	19.1
350	175	Eurocamp	263	-2	9.7	4.6	10.9
1180	268	Euro Disney	393	+5	...	3.0	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
39½	18	Ex-Lands	36	-3	...	1.2	...
390	265	Fairline Boats	331	-1	...	4.0	30.5
378	232	First Leisure	291	-5	6.5	2.8	∞
385	71	Flextech	379 #	...	...	0.2	...
690	298	GWR Gp	690	...	...	1.6	∞
246	149	Grampian	244	+5	6.5	3.3	16.9
22	4½	Greenwich Com	15	...	...	...	...
115	19	HTV Group	112	-1	...	...	49.7
88	30	Hi-Tec Sports	84	-3	...	3.3	...
15	5½	Kunick	13½	-½	...	...	...
678	405	LWT Hldgs	652	-21	...	0.9	30.2
600	327	Man Utd	560	...	...	4.4	22.6
48	7½	Northern	37	...	...	...	...
148	59	Owners Abrd	88	-2	3.9	5.6	7.1
81	33	The Pelican Gp	81	...	...	1.7	19.0
181	55	Prism Leisure	181	...	...	2.3	16.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	37	-1	...	...	...
445	274	Radio Clyde	441 †	-4	...	2.7	19.6
210	132	Ramsdens (H)	210	...	...	2.7	27.9
553	410	Scot TV	453	+1	10.3	2.9	32.3
79	37	Southern Radio	79 †	+1	1.2	2.0	∞
328	168	Stanley Leisure	328	+4	4.3	1.6	25.9
10	5½	Smileigh	7½	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.4	19.9
420	345	Tanjong	345	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	98	...	...	2.6	5.1
91	44	Trans World	91	...	...	1.1	35.3
524	274	Ulster TV	523	...	...	2.9	16.0
117	62	Vardon	117	+4	0.8	0.9	27.6
22	11	Wembley	16½	...	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	191	+3	12.0	7.9	5.8
120	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	9.0	8.8	12.8

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6518½	1800	Am Gold	6337½	-96½	...	3.6	28.0
1887½	1016½	Ang Am Coal	1887½	+6½	...	4.9	9.7
3675	1125	Ang Am	3212½	-9½	...	2.2	21.1
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res	33	+1	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	165	-5	...	...	...
40	18	Bracken	30	-3	...	...	...
596	233	Buffels	605	...	...	7.5	7.5
5½	1	Bute	4½	...	...	...	...
878	540	CRA	810	-31	...	2.6	25.9
47½	11	Coll Res	39	-1	...	...	...
1743½	762	De Beers	1743½	+12½	...	2.9	23.0
165	37½	Deelkraal	133	-1	...	1.5	9.7
96	7	Doornfontein	60	-3	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	860	-21	...	3.5	14.2
768	120	Durban	745	-30	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	155	+3	...	7.1	4.6
175	35	E Rand Prop	113	+4	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	445	-7	...	2.7	10.5
1239	292	FS Cons	1160	-19	...	4.2	14.9
80	6	FS Dev	50	-4	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1750	+6	...	2.3	23.0
150	42½	Gencor	140	-1	...	6.4	15.7
71½	35	GM Kalgoorli	69½	-½	...	2.0	28.5
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	-½	...	...	...
302	49	Grootvlei	177	+3	...	5.9	10.6
409	75	Harmony	409	+15	...	...	...
430	82	Hartles	396	-8	...	7.2	9.9
16½	8½	Inco	15	...	...	...	...
1028	491	Impala Plat	977	-29	...	2.9	31.5
13½	6	Kenmare Res	12	...	...	...	...
1315	332	Kinross	1214	+3	...	4.9	∞
913	319	Kloof	832	-20	...	2.6	9.9
137	25	Leslie	108	+2	...	10.1	∞
399	13	Loraine	313	-4	...	...	...
990	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
127½	80	MIM	119	-6	...	1.9	51.6
1488	820	Minorco	1464	+25	...	2.6	17.3
176	91	Nth Brkn Hill	170	-4	...	2.9	26.1
3087½	612½	Orange Free	2887½	-96½	...	4.5	16.6
859	607	RTZ	828	-25	...	2.9	25.4
212½	106½	Rand Mines	212½	...	...	5.4	∞
800	150	Randfontein	740	-20	...	4.0	7.2
254	115	Renison	230	-19	...	1.9	24.3
1350	850	Rustnbrg	1287½	-34½	...	2.6	∞
756	191	St Helena	695	-32	...	3.5	14.3
2470	475	Southvaal	2295	-10	...	2.5	40.2
119	18	Stilfontein	95	+6	...	6.6	16.8
201	58	Unisel	132	-7	...	5.3	∞
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	7362½	...	...	3.0	12.7
813	154	Welkom	757	-30	...	4.4	17.0
640	26	Western Areas	559 †	-22	...	0.9	3.9
3362½	587½	Western Deep	3025	-112½	...	2.1	13.9
340	176	Wstrn Mining	322	-8	...	1.6	...
1226	323	Winkels	1097	-6	...	3.6	∞
84	49	Zambia Copper	53	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	65	...	...	7.1	21.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
153	78	Appleyard	150	...	...	4.3	...
350	203	Bletchley Mtr	350	...	...	3.3	17.8
192	120	Bostrom	189	-6	6.0	4.0	33.4
468	165	Br Aerospace	439	-7	7.3	2.1	...
58	19½	Burndene	50½	-½	1.7	4.3	∞
425	303	Caffyns	413	-2	11.5	3.5	21.9
15½	6½	Caverdale	14½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	126	...	...	3.9	32.5
36	18	Cook (DC)	35	-1	...	3.2	19.0
304	156	Cowie (T)	300	-2	6.6	2.8	22.8
141	86	Dwg Motors	140	...	5.7	5.1	25.3
155	102½	Davenport Vern	144	...	...	3.5	18.2
330	155	ERF	305	...	2.0	0.8	...
151	92	European Mtr	151	...	...	3.1	21.2
449	209	Evans Halshaw	449	+3	11.4	3.2	69.2
290	211	FR Group	260	+8	...	3.5	12.1
4575	2843½	Ford Motor	4575	+81½	...	...	...
3981½	2162½	General Mtr	3981½	+18½	...	1.3	...
75	38	Gowrings	60	...	...	4.2	...
303	85	Henlys	302	+1	3.5	1.4	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	937	-11	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43	-2	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	98	...	4.5	5.7	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	166½	-½	...	2.6	23.5
484	281	Lex Service	473	-8	...	3.0	25.9
179	85	Lookers	179	...	6.2	4.3	...
208	126	Lucas	202	-5	...	4.3	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
290	224½	Pendragon	292	-1	...	2.7	24.0
194	101½	Perry Gp	194	+1	...	4.6	...
190	108	Quicks Group	168	+3	...	3.5	21.5
177	96½	Rolls-Royce	164	-2	...	3.8	...
236	164	T & N	225	+1	...	6.0	32.0
273	163	Trinity Hldgs	272	...	...	2.6	25.5
204	125	Vardy (Reg)	203	+5	...	2.7	28.2
265	121	Westland	264 †	...	4.5	2.1	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
208	103	Adscene	208	...	5.0	3.0	21.3
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	280	Blenheim Gp	355	+7	...	3.3	13.2
378	275	Bristol	378	...	...	4.0	34.1
£117½	7775	Daily Mail	£117 †	...	...	1.4	27.3
£118	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£116½	-25	...	1.6	27.3
355	210	Dorling Kind	264	...	...	1.6	23.9
6650	4337½	Elsevier	6187½	-159½	...	1.5	21.0
428	322	EMAP	426	...	...	2.4	26.3
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1500	-13	...	3.2	26.4
182	157	Harrington K	157	...	4.7	3.7	12.8
375	159	Haynes Pub	373	...	...	1.8	21.0
363	334	Hodder H'line	341	...	5.1	1.9	29.0
140	99	Home Counts	125	...	5.2	5.3	...
173	30	Intl Bus Comm	173	...	...	...	25.0
14	4½	Irl Crn & Data	12	...	...	...	...
480	340	Independent	480	...	...	2.6	25.9
580	395	Johnstne Press	578	+5	6.5	1.4	34.9
355	243	Metal Bulletn	355	+1	8.2	2.9	25.1
192	88	Mirror Gp	186	...	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	428	-2	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	274	...	...	0.6	16.9
639	342	Pearson	619	-5	...	2.4	33.6
710	510	Portsmth Sund	710	...	...	1.7	19.6
921	616	Reed Int	868	-14	...	2.5	37.8
200	98	Southnews	200	+12	...	1.5	37.0
195	90	Sterling Pub	180	...	...	2.1	22.6
508	328	Telegraph	508	...	...	3.0	21.3
835	715	Thomson Corp	795	-20	30.1	4.7	39.7
458	313	Trinity Intl	437	...	9.0	2.6	26.2
39	21	Unit Group	33	+3	...	...	...
685	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	661	+5½	...	4.1	18.4

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	28	...	...	...	27.3
61	33	Arcon Intl	44	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	62	+1	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	62	-2	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	7½	...	...	...	74.6
223	145	Br Borneo	211	...	7.1	4.2	6.1
361½	276	British Gas	342½	-5	14.2	5.2	16.6
378½	225	Br Petroleum	362½	-3	8.4	2.9	23.5
2½	1	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...	...
865	675	Burmah Castrl	835	-7	...	3.8	19.5
68	32	Cairn Energy	60	+1	...	...	8.6
378	223	Calor Gp	332	-4	...	4.5	18.1
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	47	...	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	39	-1	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	20½	-1	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	456	-3	...	4.4	25.1
86	26	Exp Co Louis	34	-2	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24	-½	...	4.5	8.7
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	55	...	...	...	...
48	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	1.4	3.2	10.5
181	104½	Hardy O&G	159	+2	...	0.8	14.2
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	-1	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	121	...	...	3.4	24.5
103	62	-do- Units	68	...	9.4	17.4	...
24	2	Mid Sctt Res	2½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Monument	55½	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
50	27	Oil Search	50	...	...	...	...
20	11½	Petroz	20	+½	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	158	...	...	...	...
20½	18	Premier	22	...	...	...	8.1
168	50	Presidio	156	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	340	...	...	4.8	...
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	7175	-525	...	4.3	17.8
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3975	-109½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	725	-12	22.8	3.9	22.3
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	30	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villers Grp	15½	+½	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	200	...	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	130	AG Holdings	182	...	...	3.6	16.5
457	249	API	457	+12	6.2	2.4	∞
263	144	Arjo Wiggins	263	+7	...	3.1	42.5
553	406	Abbott Mead	553	...	9.5	2.1	29.0
40	13	Aegis Gp	21½	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	169	...	...	3.0	15.3
26	7	BBA Design	26	...	...	...	...
429	223	Bemrose	428	...	...	3.4	19.7
30½	7	Birkdale	9½	...	...	...	...
163	118	Bunzl	163	+2	4.0	3.1	24.6
430	257	CIA Gp	428	...	...	1.3	22.0
230	93	Capital Inds	137	...	...	3.3	13.7
92	44	City of Lon	85	...	...	5.7	15.7
321	169	Cropper (James)	321	+14	3.2	1.3	31.0
95	51	Delyn Group	89	-1	1.6	2.3	12.0
120	74	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.5	5.3	26.2
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	77	...	...	5.2	17.3
16½	10½	Elswick	15½	-½	...	2.5	17.1
66	41	Fairway Group	65	-1	3.2	4.8	25.1
373	271	Ferguson Intl	373	...	...	4.2	16.9
137	92	Ferry Pick	137	...	...	5.1	37.0
197	74	Filofax	190	...	...	1.0	24.4
[illegible]	10½	Fitch	11½	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons	141	...	...	4.6	15.9
295	205	Gold Greenless	244	+14	6.4	4.4	21.7
41	17	Goodhead	23 †	...	0.0	0.3	∞
88	19	Hunterprint	25	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	161	...	...	6.1	11.8
288	191	Jarvis Porter	288	...	...	2.1	26.9
32	15½	Lopex	26	+½	...	...	...
38½	26	MDA	34½	-½	...	...	...
383	175	More O'Ferrall	383	+5	13.2	4.3	45.8
135	48	NMC Group	130	...	2.7	2.6	20.1
249	66	Osborne & Little	249	...	...	2.6	27.3
540	455	Portals	539	+1	...	3.4	18.6
3½	1	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
302	159	Quarto	301	...	...	2.4	18.5
347	270	St Ives Gp	342	+1	...	3.3	22.6
165	133	Saatchi	148	-2	...	...	...
502	292	Sappi	492	-7	...	6.7	9.3
36	8½	Seril	26	+1½	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	27½	-½	...	...	...
456	294	Smith David	456	+18	...	2.8	23.8
330	206	Smurfit (Jef)	329	+1	...	1.6	7.9
103	45	Sonic	103	...	2.5	3.0	43.1
246	183	Stat-Plus	220	...	8.4	4.8	19.6
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	-½	0.3	1.6	21.6
130	38	VTR	130	...	...	3.6	19.6
109	40	WPP	102	+2	...	1.2	3.8
217	62	Wace	217	...	...	0.6	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	256	...	...	4.0	19.2
424	270	Watmough	424	...	...	1.7	33.2
7	3	Westport	3½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mck	42	...	...	...	...
102	55	Wyndeham	100 †	...	...	1.9	21.4

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	118	+3	...	3.7	30.6
47	35	Arcadian	40	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	7½	+½	...	...	...
139	52	Asda Prop	138	-1	...	1.9	14.5
152	88	Avonside	150	...	4.1	3.4	21.0
2637½	2062½	BCE	2325	-25	...	...	...
708	396	Bilton	708	...	18.9	3.3	25.6
83	17	Bourne End	82	+4	...	1.5	...
273	150	Bradford	265	-8	5.9	2.8	26.9
23	5	Bredero	16½	...	...	...	...
449	166½	Br Land	399 †	-7	...	2.2	36.4
250	140½	Brixton	240	-2	...	4.4	19.0
109	42	Burford	105	-1½	...	1.5	...
202	49	Cap & Regnl	202	+4	...	0.8	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
598	196	Chesterfield	584	-10	11.5	2.5	41.8
43	12	City Site Ests	37	...	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	29	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.0	6.0	61.8
53	34	Conrad Rhlst GS	44	...	...	...	...
1485	818	Daejan	1485	+2	...	2.3	18.3
65	5	Dares Estates	7½	...	...	...	...
143	53	Debenhm Twsn	142	...	...	2.9	27.4
17	4	De Morgan	16	-1	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	180	...	3.0	2.1	...
686	263	Derwent Hldgs	684	...	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	36½	...	...	...	...
56	24	Dwyer	54	-1	...	...	...
400	170	Estates Agency	370	...	...	2.6	43.9
23	7½	Estates Gen	15	...	...	...	...
119	80	Evans Of Leeds	119 ‡	...	...	2.5	21.0
36½	11	Five Oaks	36	...	...	...	...
66	30	Fletcher King	66	...	1.0	1.9	43.4
515	276½	Frogmore	509	-6	...	4.0	24.2
251	97	Grainger	251	-1	5.2	2.7	∞
239	116½	Gr Portland	230	-1	...	4.3	22.0
20	7½	Greycoat	19	...	...	...	...
259	102	HK Land	220	-10	...	2.9	29.0
59	35	Hambro Cntyw	55	-1	0.5	0.7	...
422	237	Hammerson	386	-7	10.0	3.2	30.1
326	127	Helical Bar	323	-2	...	1.9	11.6
39	19	Hemingway	36	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
155	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	745	-10	23.1	3.9	22.2
114	73	Lon Merch Sec	107 †	...	4.0	4.7	16.6
15	8½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
505	315½	MEPC	492	-6	...	5.0	36.0
10½	5	McInerney A	10½	+1	...	...	...
170	90	McKay Secs	170	...	3.5	2.6	23.3
7½	2½	Marabeah	3	...	...	...	...
51	12	Merivale Mre	28	...	...	...	...
58	26	Moorfield Est	52	-2	...	...	...
1370	775	Mountview	1370	+50	22.0	2.0	14.2
181	112	Mucklow (A&J)	181	+1	...	4.2	28.2
55	30	Olives Prop	51	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	1½	...	...	...	0.5
180	59	PSIT	178	-1	4.3	3.1	34.9
367	138	Peel	366	...	4.0	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	10	-½	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	49	-1	...	...	14.0
63	33	Raglan	41	...	...	...	...
35½	11	Regalian	34½	...	...	...	...
140	110	Rowlinson Secs	140	...	1.5	1.3	17.5
51	16	St Modwen Prp	51	+1	0.9	2.2	38.9
75	39	Saville Grdn (I)	70	-½	...	4.9	34.4
100	39	Savills	99	...	1.7	2.2	38.9
112	37½	Scot Met	103	-1	...	1.8	∞
126	39	Shaftesbury	126	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	13½	...	...	...	7.1
290	139½	Slough Estates	284	-6	...	3.8	19.5
101	56	Southend Prp	96 †	...	...	3.1	...
30	16	Stanhope Prps	25	...	...	...	...
231	114	Tops Ests	230	...	2.1	1.2	...
141	79	Town Centre	140	+1	...	3.0	25.1
98	43	Trafford Park	98	...	...	3.6	22.6
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
314	180	Warner	314	...	10.4	4.1	28.7
234	168	Warnford	234	...	7.5	4.1	16.0
8	2	Waterglade	7	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	90	...	...	...	...
98	40	Wood John D	94	-1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32	11	Automagic	32	...	...	...	...
210	84	Headlam	204	-1	...	1.8	46.0
500	285	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	44	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22½	...	1.0	5.6	6.3
246	89	Stylo	247	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	57	...	...	5.7	1.9

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
529	409	Allied Text	529	...	12.7	3.0	17.0
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	3.5	7.3	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	27	...	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	222	-4	8.5	4.8	20.8
53	15	Charnwell	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	335	+2	7.5	2.8	20.9
601	440	Courtauld Text	517	...	13.9	3.4	14.2
53½	24	Cupido	25	...	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	150	+3	...	6.3	11.4
47	22	Drummond	36	...	...	...	...
80	65	Faupel	78 †	-1	...	7.9	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	27	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	114	...	4.2	4.7	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	245	-4	...	2.1	17.4
90	45	Jerome (S)	67	...	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	414	+4	12.0	3.6	27.4
515	357½	Leeds	506	...	8.5	2.1	∞
64	15	Lister	53	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	99	+3	...	4.2	...
215	89	Magellan	161	-7	1.4	1.1	...
225	77½	Parkland	223	...	...	0.9	...
102½	82	Readicut	99½	...	...	4.3	18.7
66	35	SEET	59	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	132	...	...	5.1	9.1
74	44	Stirling Gp	61	-1	1.9	3.9	16.9
51	36	Stoddard	42	+1	...	4.5	39.1
312	250	Tomkinsons	280	...	11.5	5.1	∞
59	30½	West Trust	37	+1	...	9.1	...
256	126	Yorklyde	256	...	...	2.6	16.6

TOBACCOS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	526	-12	...	4.6	15.7
495	315½	Rothmans	467	-5	...	3.4	14.7

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
580	349	Assoc Br Ports	579	-1	...	1.9	...
1072	707	BAA	1052	-2	...	2.0	26.1
486	249	Br Airways	479	-2	...	2.8	21.5
113	56	Clarkson (H)	99	-4	1.7	2.2	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	618	+10	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	73	...	0.5	0.9	19.6
276	147	IoM Steam	275	+1	...	3.8	14.5
46	31	Jacobs (JI)	46	+1	0.5	1.4	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	105	...	...	1.3	19.2
475	264	Mersey Docks	451	+5	...	3.5	30.0
271	181	Natl Express	255	...	...	3.5	26.4
272	218	NFC	261	-2	...	3.4	20.2
343	241	Ocean Group	313	-4	...	5.7	...
78	40	Ocean Wilson	78	+5	4.0	6.4	14.1
676	506	P & O Dfd	617	-13	...	6.2	33.5
194	127	P & O 5½%	156	-7	...	4.4	...
655	448	Powell Duffryn	655	+1	...	4.3	20.8
235	117	Seacon	235	...	...	2.6	14.8
176	112	Stagecoach	175	...	...	2.7	21.3
101	31½	TNT	100	-1	...	...	...
858	624	Tibbett & Britten	843	...	12.6	1.9	32.3
382	37	Tiphook	66	...	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	287	-1	...	4.1	9.5

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	559	+2	...	4.8	11.2
350	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	350	...	...	3.5	12.9
761	547	Northumbrian	717	...	...	4.0	8.4
604	431½	North West	560	-4	...	4.9	9.3
632	439	Severn Trent	594	-2	...	4.6	9.2
685	454	Sthrn Water	630 †	-5	...	4.3	10.1
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1550	...	48.5	3.9	11.0
657	465	South West	620	+3	...	4.8	10.2
598	454	Thames Water	572	+3	...	4.7	11.2
745	506	Welsh Water	678	...	...	4.5	6.8
745	536	Wessex Water	690 †	-7½	...	4.0	11.0
630	473½	Yorkshire W	587	+3	...	4.6	9.6

Source: Finstat

• USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ¶ Ex rights issue; ◊ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100 †	...	8.40	5.26
109	101	Treas 14½% 1994	107	...	14.33	5.39
109	101	Exch 13½% 1994	102	...	13.20	5.29
103	101	Treas 10% 1994	101	...	9.81	5.15
110	104	Exch 12½% 1994	104	...	11.98	5.10
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.72	5.08
111	106	Treas 12% 1995	106	-	11.22	5.06
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.77
109	107	Exch 10½% 1995	107	...	9.54	5.17
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	...	11.28	5.22
120	116	Treas 14% 1996	116 †	...	12.01	5.30
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-	12.59	5.40
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	-	11.32	5.40
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	-	8.96	5.53
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	-	10.96	5.66
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	-	9.24	5.67
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	-	7.96	5.69
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	-	11.47	5.83
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	114 †	-	8.55	5.80
108	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	105	-	6.86	5.73
108	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105	-	6.87	5.74
102	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.63	5.32
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	130	-	10.75	6.01
140	135	Treas 15½% 1998	139	-	11.13	5.84
126	118	Exch 12% 1998	125	-	9.60	5.99
116	109	Treas 9½% 1999	115	-	8.23	5.89

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	98	Treas 6% 1999	101 †	-	6.05	5.78
128	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	127	-	9.62	6.05
121	112	Treas 10½% 1999	120	-	8.71	5.95
121	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	120	-	8.50	6.03
116	106	Conv 9% 2000	115	-	7.80	5.99
136	125	Treas 13% 2000	135	-	9.59	6.27
106	97	Treas 7% 2001	105	+	6.69	6.11
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	121	+	8.26	6.27
123	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	122	-	7.99	6.38
113	97	Treas 8% 2003	112	-	7.12	6.25
127	109	Treas 10% 2003	125	+	7.95	6.38
120	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	128	+	8.95	6.48
86	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	85 †	+	4.11	5.37
105	97	Treas 6¾% 2004	103	+	6.49	6.34
125	105	Conv 9½% 2004	123	+	7.67	6.40
125	105	Conv 9½% 2005	124	+	7.64	6.43
143	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	142	+	8.80	6.63
111	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	110	+	7.24	6.41
112	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	111	+	6.97	6.45
136	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	134	+	8.73	6.59
119	97	Treas 8½% 2007	117	+	7.22	6.50
151	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	150	+	9.00	6.66
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	123	+	7.32	6.54

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	92	Treas 8% 2009	114	+	7.02	6.55
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	124	+	7.21	6.59
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	125	+	7.16	6.58
94	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	92	-	5.97	6.22
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	113 †	-	6.84	6.49
117	93	Treas 8% 2013	115	+	6.91	6.56
159	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	156	+	7.64	6.75
128	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	126	+	6.93	6.54

UNDATED

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	38	War Ln 3½%	53	+	6.57	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	36		6.80	...

INDEX-LINKED

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	136	...	...	...
204	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	203	-	1.15	2.07
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	-	1.34	1.97
176	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	175	-	2.22	2.56
173	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171		2.44	2.73
118	109	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	117	...	2.46	2.74
184	150	Treas IL 2% 2006	182	-	2.54	2.76
168	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	166	-	2.72	2.91
175	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	173	-	2.70	2.96
146	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	143 †	-	2.83	2.98
157	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	154 †	-	2.68	3.03
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	149	-	2.93	3.05
129	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	126 †	-	2.92	3.03
128	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	126 †	-	2.94	3.06

DO NOT INVEST IN A PEP
before contacting
THE PEP DISCOUNT COMPANY
☆ WE OFFER SOME OF THE BEST DEALS AVAILABLE ☆
☆ PLUS EXPERT INDEPENDENT ADVICE ☆
071-351 6022
The PEP Discount Company is a trading name of CHELSEA FINANCIAL SERVICES, Britain's longest-standing and leading discount broker, a Member of FIMBRA.
1/8 Garden Market, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 0XE.
SAVE £££S ON MOST LEADING PEPs !!
PEPs are long term investments whose value can fall as well as rise

Old boy network is put out to grass

White, male and 50 is no longer enough for non-executives, says **Victoria McKee**

A non-executive directorship was once regarded as the icing on the career cake that only those in the know could enjoy. "We all know they were *friends of friends, you scratch my* back and I'll scratch yours," says Roger Young, Director-General of the Institute of Management, formerly the British Institute of Management.

The typical profile of a non-executive director in a leading British company is of a white male in his fifties or sixties, with experience as an executive board member of a public company, who was invited to serve by colleagues for *whom he would probably return the* favour in time. That was the sort of profile promoted by Proned, whose future, is currently "under review".

The IoM is in favour of a less haphazard and hidebound approach to choosing the independent directors, whom the Cadbury Report considered to be so essential to large companies today. The institute is, therefore, supporting a new initiative intended to revolutionise the non-executive market.

The initiative is Prowess, an offshoot of Jamieson Scott, an executive search consultancy.

"Prowess will end the Old Boy Network," Mr Young predicts. "It will be looking after the talents of all individuals, and not just focus on the existing male dominance pool — and no one has done this so far that I've been aware of."

Prowess, although still in the process of being set up, already has the confirmed support of 15 large *companies and organisations*, including Grand Metropolitan, Cable and Wireless, Kingfisher, Ernst & Young, the National Health Service and the Employment Department. A further 25 big organisations have expressed interest in sponsoring the scheme. Individuals can also be self-nominating.

"You can't not be interested in it unless you don't understand it," said Jo Cutmore, Prowess's founder. The idea is that sponsoring companies pay a modest fee — "considerably less than they'd pay in search fees for a single non-executive director" — and then are able both to import and to export skills throughout the year for a nominal sum.

"What, to a major plc, may seem a duffer could be God's gift to an NHS Trust," said one member, who, for *obvious reasons*, preferred not to be named. "Some companies can use it to find a nice way to ease out some of their older people and others as a way of honing the skills of their senior management just below board level by giving them experience on outside boards."

Ms Cutmore and Mark Scott, Prowess's co-directors, see it as promoting the concept of "portfolio" careers propounded by Charles Handy, the management guru. They declare *themselves determined to operate* without huge executive search fees as a "skills interchange promoting the exchange and training of non-executive directors between publicly quoted, public sector and private companies and even charities".

"We won't only offer an introduction and skills matching service, but will advise on training programmes, too," says Ms Cutmore, who has persuaded Val Hammond, chief executive of Roffey Park, to be Prowess's development adviser, Joanna Foster, who formerly chaired the Equal Opportunities Commission, to be its equal opportunities adviser, and John Taylor, the black barrister and Conservative politician, to be its ethnic issues adviser. "We started with the idea of promoting women and minorities on to *boards as non-executive* directors, but discovered what the marketplace actually wanted was the *service we were offering across the* board," Ms Cutmore said.


DES JENSON

Mark Scott and Jo Cutmore aim to revolutionise the hunt for non-executive directors and to help rising managers to gain board experience

Prowess aims to put more method into the sometimes hit-and-miss matter of selecting non-executive directors. "Generally speaking, in the past, people have not drawn up profiles of what was lacking on their boards — they just recruited another one of the same," Ms Cutmore says.

"We're suggesting an analysis of the competencies they have, so they can extrapolate into specifications for what they're missing.

"We're targeting the 83 per cent of companies who use no professional recruitment processes for identification and selection processes of non-executives." Mr Scott adds that "those that do use professional *recruitment usually expect to pay* more in fees than they will pay the non-executive for a year". Prowess, like successful retailers, aims to increase volume and cut costs, he says.

Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of Proned and architect of the rules of corporate governance through the Cadbury Report, which emphasised the importance of non-executive directors, cautiously welcomes Prowess, which he does not see as competition but thinks could improve the market for everyone. "I can't see it would affect Proned," he says. "The problem with Proned is too many people on the register and too few calls for placement. The more there is in the marketplace finding places, the better it is."

Ms Cutmore said: "There were too many people on the register and too few calls for placement because of Proned's charges — around £15,000 per non-exec — and possibly because they weren't supplying the market's needs."

Mr Young hopes that publication of the Management Charter Initiative and another report by the Henley Centre on the construction of boards and the skills required for them, both due shortly, "will allow us to match the needs of each board against these standards".

He says: "A strong non-executive team is vital. With one, a lot of the frauds perpetrated in the 1980s might not have happened.

"One good example that is now working is at British Airways, where there's no doubt in my mind the non-execs have played a proper role in examining things after the dirty tricks campaign. But there *hasn't*, until now, been a mechanism for finding the right sort of non-execs."

Alex Wilson, group management development director for Grand Metropolitan, said: "We already have nearly 50/50 non-execs on our board — with Sir John Harvey-Jones, Gertrude Hohler, Ian Marston, Dick Giordano and David Simon, but we are joining Prowess to broaden the experience base of our executives below board level, as, right now, only our board members hold non-executive positions.

"If we do the right matching through Prowess, we can make sure that our people go to the right boards and bring things back that will be of use to us — as well as being useful to them and developing a broader view of the business world.

"The higher up you go, the broader view you need, and I don't *think anyone had ever* challenged our thinking in that respect until Prowess knocked on our door."

Sue Cantor, head of human resources for Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm, said: "The thing that excited me about Prowess was that it was going to spread the group from which non-executive directors would be chosen. It's hoping to draw in a much broader skill and background base than Proned and to suggest training, so that people with 'non-traditional backgrounds' can learn boardroom skills.

"Although we won't be looking for non-executives ourselves, we want to send people out to work with other companies."

☐ Prowess is at 118 Eaton Square, London SW1 (Tel: 071-245 6153).

Money guide for gays started

A FINANCIAL guide offering advice for gays has been launched to capitalise on the power of the "pink pound".

The *Gay Finance Guide* is expected to sell *thousands with special* tips on pensions, mortgages and tax for homosexuals. It has been written by Ivan Massow, a London-based independent financial adviser.

Mr Massow said: "It's a good guide to finance for anyone, including heterosexuals, but does give important advice to gays in particular. For instance it deals with how to get a mortgage if an insurance company refuses to cover you because you are gay."

Insurance companies have increased premiums *for young people* because of the fear of a dramatic increase in claims because of Aids. Single men wanting to take out life insurance cover are often requested to fill out a lifestyle questionnaire and those who admit to homosexuality may be refused cover or required to take an Aids test.

Mr Massow said: "The *guide also helps in matters* like inheritance tax and making a will — a gay partner does not get the same rights as a husband or wife would in a heterosexual relationship.

"Without help, the financial world can be a *maze* for many gay people who generate an awful lot of business. There is talk of the power of the pink pound. Gay businesses are thriving and many homosexuals have a lot more disposable income than others."

Experts reckon that gay *people have more money* to spend than others because a greater proportion are in well-paid professions and most do not have the responsibilities of bringing up a family.

ACCOUNTANCY & FINANCE

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

A growing international company, providing systems and services to institutional investment managers, has additional opening for its UK team. We provide challenging assignments for mission-critical applications in a dynamic environment. Competitive salary and benefits.

Account Manager

A motivated, client-orientated individual to support the use of our systems by our clients, a select group of prominent investment managers. At least 2 years experience in the investment industry, excellent analytical and communications skills and a degree in Business/Finance are required.

Business Development

Assist new clients with the implementation of our systems. Well developed business analysis and interpersonal skills, experience in the Investment Industry and a degree in Business/Finance are required. This position will involve out-of-town assignments.

Apply in strict confidence to Box No 5558

The Times

AMBITIOUS GRADUATES & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

required by expanding company based in Mayfair.

£25,000 OTE
Management Opportunities

Only career minded people may apply.

Call Ralph Barnett
071 287 2777

DEPUTY ACCOUNTANT 35K
Age 35-40 min
Stockbroking acct/systems exp essl., City Stockbrokers.
MUTUAL FUND ACCOUNTANT 30-35K + Benefits
P/Q Newly Qualified
2/3 years mutual fund acct or audit, financial product knowledge, bonds, equities for Luxembourg Brokers.
SYSTEMS ACCT 25-30K
Age mid 20's
New Qual ACA/P.Q.
Operations/systems auditing exp essl, for City International Inv Brokers.
CAREER GROUP 071 637 7009 (agy)

JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT

Very busy firm of Chartered Accountants require hard working, committed individual with 1-2 years experience. Finax and Lotus an advantage.

Salary c. £13,000 + Study
C.V.'s to John Mills
6 Lansdowne Mews
London W11 3BH

TEMPORARY ACCOUNTANTS

An international oil field service company based in Chiswick currently has an immediate requirement for temporary accounts to assist with our year end and various ad hoc reporting. Applicants must have a good accounting background, be experienced in reconciliation work and be flexible in time-keeping as long hours are envisaged. A working knowledge of *Quattro Pro* would be an advantage. Minimum qualification requirements are H.N.D. accounting. Please send written application together with full CV to: J. Pryce, 4 Devonshire Place, Heathfield Terrace, Chiswick W4 4JD marked "Private and Confidential".

No Agencies Please

GOODMAN JONES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & REGISTERED AUDITORS

SEMI SENIORS REQUIRED

Experienced semi seniors required for this established 13 Partner West End Practice. Knowledge of Finax and Lotus 123 would be desirable.

Applications with full C.V. should be sent to:
Graeme Bursack F.C.A.
Goodman Jones
29/30 Fitzroy Square
London W1P 5HH

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

£30,000

Qualified with 3 years+ Post Qual. exp. to join a high tech medium sized organisation in the Bromley area. You will be accustomed to making decisions, managing staff and controlling the complete finance operation, reporting to the Group F.D. Personally you will be strong with the need to contribute fully, regularly liaising with technical staff. Special projects, planning, budgeting along with systems & controls implementation will ensure complete involvement in all aspects of the business. Age range 28-40.

Call Carol Connolly or Karren Reynolds 081 466 1616
(24 hrs R. Cons)

Divisional Commercial Manager

£30,000 + Car + Benefits **London**

Our client is a dynamic and expanding division of a leading service contractor. They enjoy worldwide contracts, a solid track record and a bright future. With an annual turnover of £6m, they now require a talented individual to manage their Commercial/ Management Accounting function.

This is a highly challenging role offering full participation in management decision making. To succeed, you must have a strong service industry background supported by the following:

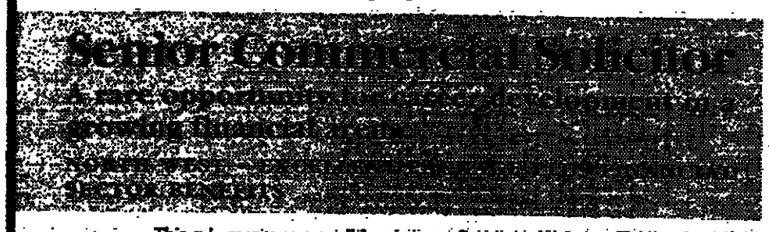
- Excellent people management abilities and the talent to negotiate successfully with clients.
- Proven ability qualified by experience, possibly supplemented by formal accounting qualifications.
- Forecasting, trend analysis, budgeting and strategic planning skills.
- Strong IT skills for design, comparison and evaluation of accounting software applications.
- Experience of preparing statutory accounts.
- Direct supervisory experience of sales and purchase ledgers, credit control and payroll systems.

The rewards include a competitive salary and benefits package plus the chance to shape the development of a growing division.

If you would like to be considered, send a *brief covering letter enclosing* your CV indicating your salary details and how you meet the requirements of the post, to Richard Hewetson ref 6254, Moxon Dolphin Kerby, 178-202 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6JJ.

MOXON·DOLPHIN·KERBY
EXECUTIVE SEARCH & SELECTION

This major financial institution has a laudable history and an enlightened view of the future. As an acknowledged leader in many fields, the group's strength has built up through providing innovative services and giving the highest priority to customer satisfaction. Its legal services department also has a high commitment to internal customer service, giving expert legal advice and succinct guidance to enhance and protect the group's business.



This role manages a small busy team of commercial lawyers working across a diverse range of issues and products including commercial contracts, banking, regulatory legislation (eg FSA), consumer credit and leasing. Candidates should, therefore, be graduates with 5 to 10 years p.q. experience gained in both a commercial private practice and an in-house legal team with experience in those areas. Top quality technical skills are vital with effective influencing skills and a confident approach to all levels of management. Management experience and computer literacy would be ideal but a flexible, proactive and highly committed approach to work is essential.

Interested applicants should send a detailed CV or ring for an application form on 0625 533364 (24 hours) quoting reference 2182/TT

WICKLAND WESTCOTT
HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANTS
Emerson Court, Alderley Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 1NX
Telephone (0625) 532446

ACCOUNTANCY

Liability and salaried partners

BY SIMON OLIVER

DURING the boom years of the 1980s, professional partnerships such as accountants, architects and lawyers adopted subtly more complex partnership structures. In an attempt to retain the services of their young, able and ambitious staff, who were becoming significantly more mobile, many firms adopted and formalised the position of salaried partner. The boom years may have gone, but the position of "salaried partner" remains, still partly as a mechanism to retain ambitious young staff on their way up to equity or full partner, but additionally, as an end in itself, providing recognition to staff who, due to the recession, might not move any higher.

The question is, what exactly is a salaried partner? To the outside world, they appear no different from equity partners, that is, as names on the firm's notepaper.

The main difference between salaried partner and an equity partner is simply that salaried partners receive fixed salaries rather than a share of the partnership's profits. Salaried partners generally contribute no capital to the firm and play little role in its management. In recognition of their subordinate status and their lack of profit share, salaried partners customarily receive an indemnity from the equity partners in respect of the firm's liability to third parties. The position of salaried partner, therefore, brings recognition, status and increased remuneration, but within strictly defined limits.

In recent years, a new factor has arisen which young, ambitious professionals may wish to take into account when considering whether to accept the qualified recognition of salaried partnership. Until very recently, the existence and extent of professional insurance has shielded equity partners from personal exposure when their firms are held liable to third parties. All professions have seen an explosion in recent years of negligence claims made against them by former clients and other third parties. Such claims give rise to the prospect at some stage of a successful claim outstripping the insurance available and exposing equity partners to personal liability. Prospective salaried partners may wish to ask what their position would be in such circumstances.

The size of some recent claims must put into question the value of indemnities given by equity partners. If a successful claim is such that it will outstrip the insurance available, then it is not inconceivable that it may also outstrip the combined personal assets of the equity partners. Would the salaried partners then be liable?



Simon Oliver puts a worst-case scenario for partners

Under common law and under the provisions of the Partnership Act 1890, each partner in a firm is liable in respect of the partnership's liabilities to third parties. The Act, however, effectively excludes salaried partners on the basis that, by definition, they are not partners: they receive a salary and not a share of profits and/or losses. The position of salaried partners would therefore seem to be protected by the law, perhaps rightly, given their subordinate role within partnerships.

Unfortunately, the provisions of the Act go further and provide that in addition to partners (at law) being liable to third parties, individuals who are "held out" as partners will also be liable in respect of the partnership's liabilities to third parties. By the general practice of showing salaried partners on the firm's notepaper or letterhead as partners in the firm, they are held out as partners to all third parties who receive letters from the firm. Strictly speaking, the third parties in question must show that they relied on the "holding out". While there is little legal authority on the question of reliance, the onus on the third party to show reliance is easily discharged. The likelihood is that named salaried partners will therefore be held personally liable.

Personal liability will extend to all the salaried partner's assets. In the "worst-case scenario" of insufficient insurance cover and equity partners who have lost everything, this may mean bankruptcy and a career destroyed. In an increasingly litigious environment, this may be a consideration ambitious professionals may want to take into account when offered the qualified recognition of salaried partnership.

The author is with Lovell White Durrant

Backlash brewing on internal controls

DESPITE a sluggish start to the accounting year, there are signs of a splendid backlash over the issue of internal controls. This, you will recall, is about the much fought over response from the accountancy profession to the order from the Cadbury committee that it create wide rules to ensure adequate internal controls are operated in big companies.

That, as I am sure the Cadbury committee thought, is an obvious desire. But it sparked a scuffle between finance directors and auditors for the moral high ground. First came the softening up. Audit firms started issuing glossy booklets to clients and those they refer to as "opinion-formers". These booklets pointed out the likelihood of change ahead. They contained checklists for finance directors and suggested an informal assessment now would save a lot of hurried changes later.

Now any finance director knows what a glossy booklet from the auditors means. It means that they have spotted a future process of change ahead of time. And while it means helpful hints now it will mean a hefty extra fee come implementation date. So finance directors did one of two things and some did both. They complained that the changes were far too complex and that auditors were making a very lucrative mountain out of a molehill. But there is truth on both sides. The great audit firms are under pressure to squeeze extra fees wherever they can. And if there is a chance of a one-off bonanza of regulatory change and consequent advice they are not going to let it pass by. Equally, finance directors do not see the provision of extra information as being of any commercial advantage to them. And when they see the accountancy profession dithering, they say they should not have to put up with such numbskulls handing out rules.



ROBERT BRUCE

Now the audit firms are becoming worried. During the booklet offensive they thought they had a chance of convincing clients of the need to comply with internal control rules that the auditors would report publicly on. Now they know finance directors will have none of that. So another way has to be found. And they are working on that now, hence the backlash. But they might be better looking at two paragraphs of typically wise and emollient advice from Sir Ron Dearing when he presented his overview as outgoing chairman of the Financial Reporting Council recently.

"Speaking in a personal capacity", I have given expression to some concerns about audit. Those concerns derive from the shared interest we all have in the continued provision of effective audit at reasonable cost. In my view, this could be put at risk if practice in the US extends to this country, with heavy suits for damages against the auditor becoming a possibility whenever there is company failure. I have no time for bad auditing; there should be penalties for it, both professional and financial. But there is a risk of the financial penalties getting out of hand. Already, it is no longer possible for audit practices to get full insurance cover and this carries with it the danger that to protect themselves, auditors will be obliged either to accept as audit clients only those whose audits can be undertaken with minimal risk, or to increase substantially the scope of their audit, with a corresponding increase of cost to industry".

That was the stick. The carrot came in the second paragraph. "For similar reasons, it is important the auditors should not be drawn into the audit of, or provision of a professional opinion on, matters that lie on the edge of his professional competence. Apart from the issue of costs, such a development could all too easily open the door to misjudgements that damage the reputation of the auditor and audit as well as giving rise to the kind of claims that are causing current difficulties." So the audit firms are caught. They know lack of internal controls brought about many of the great corporate collapses. They need to avoid the accusation that they are only enthusiastic because it means more fees. Above all they do not want to go back to being battered into submission by clients.

Before they decide to scrap the rules they could take a leaf out of the book of another leading light in the financial reporting renaissance, Edwin Glasgow, the clear-thinking lawyer in charge of the Review Panel. On one occasion, he found a finance director up before the panel to be patronising in the extreme. It was obvious that having to explain his company's peculiar accounting policies to a mere lawyer was more than the finance director could bear. Glasgow stopped him in mid-flow. "You'd prefer to talk to a fellow accountant, wouldn't you", he said. "Yes, I would", said the finance director. "Well I'd prefer to talk to a fellow lawyer", said Glasgow. "See you in court".

That's the action that gets results.

Lottery comes close to home

SO ANOTHER senior accountant has joined the scramble for the licence to run Britain's £4 billion-a-year National Lottery. Sir Michael Lickiss, president of the English Institute in 1990-91, and a senior partner of Grant Thornton, has surfaced as a non-executive director of Games for Good Causes, a consortium led by Ladbroke, the hotels, racing and Vernons Pools group, and Lord Hollick's MAI media and financial services group. His participation in the National Lottery battle, with mud to be slung as rival bidders jockey for position, prompts the question: what of Peter Davis, chairman of the Board for Chartered Accountants in Business and the man chosen to vet applications? Both, of course, see one another at the Institute of Chartered Accountants' monthly council meetings, and one wonders if a Chinese wall will be hastily installed over at Moorgate Place. Sir Michael flew off to Prague following Monday's launch ceremony, taking his views about the matter with him.

Taxing questions

DAVID Wilson, the principal of Reed College of Accountancy, is just back from a visit to Budapest. As part of an agreement with various Coopers & Lybrand offices in Eastern Europe, Reed College is tutoring accountancy students for their ACCA exams in Moscow, St Petersburg, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, Bratislava and Istanbul. It seems than an English qualification is worth its weight in gold in such places, and some of the students actually come to Reed's base in the Cotswolds. The only absurd part of this arrangement is that the Russians, Poles, Hungarians, Czechs, Slovaks and Turks are having to learn all about the English taxation system in order to pass their examinations. As a result, they can claim to be budding experts in areas as crucial as the tax treatment of furnished holiday lettings and calculating interest on overdue tax.

NOTICE seen on the wall of a bank manager's office in Manchester: "Money is like fat. There is plenty of each, but they always seem to be in the wrong places."

JON ASHWORTH

TO ADVERTISE CALL: 071 481 4481

ACCOUNTANCY & FINANCE

FAX: 071 782 7826

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

Personal Finance Sector

£35,000 + Car + Benefits + Relocation

Our client is a leading services supplier to the personal finance industry. The company is enjoying sustained growth and consequently has a requirement to appoint a number of key personnel to develop and control new market opportunities.

The Position

- Working closely with existing clients to define and develop new product opportunities.
- Support the Group's total sales effort in order to generate additional revenue streams.
- Control financial budgets and ensure that targets are achieved within agreed timescales.

The Profile

- A successful track record within the consumer credit industry with experience in one or more of the following business areas; sales, marketing, financial control or data processing.
- A proven ability to innovate in a results orientated environment.

This is an opportunity to join a successful and ambitious company. Excellent career opportunities will be available to the successful applicants.

Interested candidates should apply in confidence enclosing a full CV and a breakdown of current earnings to Graeme Chisholm at CBC Associates, Chapel House, Borough Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 9RA. Telephone 061 926 9279 or Fax 061 929 9017.

CBC ASSOCIATES

London office: CBC Associates, 115 Eastbourne Mews, London, W2 6LQ. Telephone 071 706 4744. Fax 071 706 1073

THE RECRUITMENT SPECIALISTS TO THE ASSET AND CONSUMER FINANCE AND BANKING INDUSTRIES

Management Accountant/ Administration Manager

City Financial Services Organisation

London

c £40,000 + Benefits

Our client is a large, well-known and highly respected financial services company with a strong global presence.

A super opportunity has arisen within the Central Administration Group of the London office for a bright, dynamic and enthusiastic Manager with some cost and management accountancy experience and the desire to make full and proactive use of strong administrative skills.

Aged 30-40, with experience of managing a wide range of administration services in a demanding commercial environment, the successful applicant will enjoy communicating with colleagues at both very senior and junior levels and will demonstrate poise and flair for positive and effective leadership. A committed, flexible and pragmatic team player, he/she will possess the ability to motivate and enthuse the department, instilling a service culture that will raise its profile and improve its regard within the organisation.

Specific responsibilities will encompass:

- the provision of management accounts for non-income related financial transactions;
- the improvement of the management accounting process through the introduction of new systems, improved controls and procedures;
- the management of several administrative functions and
- negotiation with external suppliers, ensuring that the interests of the organisation are protected.

Those interested in this challenging and highly rewarding opportunity should contact Charlotte Channing at Michael Page Finance, Page House, 39-41 Parker Street, London WC2B 5LH. Telephone: 071 831 2000. Facsimile: 071 831 2612.

Michael Page Finance

Specialists in Financial Recruitment

London Bristol Windsor St Albans Leatherhead Birmingham Nottingham Manchester Leeds Glasgow & Worldwide

DIARY OF TIMES CLASSIFIED

TELEPHONE: 071-481 4000

The Times Classified columns are read by well over a million of the most affluent people in the country. The following categories appear regularly and are generally accompanied by relevant editorial articles. Use the coupon (right), and find out how easy, fast and economical it is to advertise in The Times Classified.

THE WORLD FAMOUS PERSONAL COLUMN, INCLUDING RENTALS, APPEARS EVERY DAY.

MONDAY
Education: University Appointments, Prep & Public School Appointments, Educational Courses, Scholarships and Fellowships with editorial.
La Crème de la Crème: Secretarial Appointments.

TUESDAY
Legal Appointments: Solicitors, Commercial Lawyers, Legal Officers, Private & Public Practice with editorial.
Business to Business: Business Opportunities.

WEDNESDAY
La Crème de la Crème: Secretarial Appointments
Property: Residential, Town & Country, Overseas, Rentals.
Media, Sales & Marketing.

THURSDAY
General Appointments: Management, Engineering, Science & Technology, with editorial.
Accountancy & Finance.
La Crème de la Crème: Secretarial Appointments.
Public Management.

FRIDAY
Motors: Car buyer's guide with editorial.
Information Technology: IT positions with editorial

SATURDAY
WEEKEND TIMES
Shoparound: shopping from the comfort of your own home.
Saturday Rendezvous: The place to expand your social circle.
Property: Residential, Town & Country, Overseas, Rentals.
Gardening
Saleroom: Arts and Antiques (monthly).
SATURDAY MAGAZINE
Overseas Holidays

Fill in the coupon and attach it to your advertisement, written on a separate piece of paper, allowing 28 letters and spaces per line. Rates are: Lineage £5.50 per line (Min. 3 lines, only first word in bold); Boxed Display £30 per single column centimetre (Min. 3 centimetres); Court & Social £10 per line. Saturday Review Colour £38 per single column centimetre. All rates are subject to 17.5% VAT. Telephone our Classified Advertising Department on 071-481 4000 between 9am-6pm Monday to Friday, 9.30am-1.00pm Saturday, late evening 7.30pm on Thursday, or send to: The Classified Advertisement Manager, Times Newspapers Ltd., P.O. Box 484, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (Daytime) _____

Date of insertion _____

(Please allow three working days prior to insertion date.)

USE YOUR CREDIT CARD Expiry Date: / /

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Bid Offer +/- Yld %

AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ
0895 259 783
Grofund Amer 169.40 178.30 -0.60 ..
Grofund Equity 251.00 265.60 -3.00 1.44
Grofund Euro 201.80 212.40 -1.10 ...
Grofund Expt Bal 123.60 128.10 -0.80 1.22
Grofund Gilt 82.49 85.04 +0.10 4.37
Grofund Japan 162.80 171.30 -0.40 ...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry
0203 553 231
General Acc 546.40 581.30 -3.80 2.10
General Inc 492.30 523.70 -2.40 2.10
UK Growth Acc 373.30 397.20 -2.90 2.24
UK Growth Inc 261.50 278.20 -2.00 2.24
Higher Inc Acc 700.80 745.60 -4.40 3.14
Higher Inc Inc 419.10 445.90 -2.60 3.14
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc 196.00 206.90 ... 5.40
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc 100.20 105.80 ... 5.40
Nth America 263.10 279.90 -1.70 ...
Far East 344.50 366.50 -10.30 0.02
Europe 271.10 288.50 -2.30 0.54
Brit Excell 75.31 80.12 -0.52 2.34
Brit Fndmtls Acc 106.00 112.80 -0.70 3.95
Brit Fndmtls Inc 80.52 85.67 -0.43 3.95
Global Opps 85.00 90.43 -1.29 ...
Balanced Acc 55.98 59.56r -0.47 2.14
Balanced Inc 55.48 59.03r -0.47 2.14

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373
High Income
Gilts & Fixed Int 141.50 150.00r +0.20 5.33
High Inc Equity 175.00 186.10 -1.80 4.23
Worldwide Bond 272.30 288.70 -0.90 3.64
Capital Growth
American Growth 312.10 333.70r -2.30 .95
Asian Pacific 381.00 405.30 -24.20 .23
Assets & Earnings 272.70 290.10 -1.00 1.88
Comdty & Energy 128.30 137.20 -0.60 .40
1992 Enterprise 95.01 101.60 -0.70 1.89
Euro Capital Inc 128.70 137.60 -0.90 .70
General 242.70 258.10 -1.80 2.11
Japan 116.30 124.30 +0.10 ...
Mastertrust 143.60 153.90 -2.00 1.21
UK Growth Dist 138.80 147.60 +1.10 1.94
US Emerging Cos 137.10 145.80 -0.30 ...
Income & Growth 408.80 434.80 -4.00 3.02
Ethical 75.75 80.55 -0.05 2.26
International 117.50 124.90 -1.50 .40
Dividend & Growth 64.68 68.80r -0.65 4.08
Global Gwth & Sec 64.52 68.63 -0.01 2.77

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS
031 220 0733
UK Small Cos 1671.0 1746.0 ... ...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0800 833 580
Aberdeen Portfolio 63.87 65.12r -0.98 0.77
Amer Inc & Growth 46.08 48.76 -0.42 0.64
Cash 50.23 50.23r -0.01 4.78
European 105.04 111.40 -1.44 ...
European Income 98.26 104.30r -0.49 1.44
Exempt 1063.9 1114.71 -2.10 3.42
Extra Income 55.60 60.67r -0.57 4.34
Far East Emg Ecn 121.10 131.00 -3.86 0.50
Fixed Interest 25.37 27.09r -0.02 6.81
Fund Inv Tst 184.00 196.40 -1.10 0.86
Japan 183.20 195.30 -0.40 ...
Latin American 75.67 80.52 +0.71 0.62
Pacific 75.57 80.94 -2.32 0.34
Property Share 74.92 79.97r -0.41 1.65
UK Emerging Cos 67.02 71.34r -0.07 1.74
UK Growth 47.50 51.11 -0.34 2.30
World Growth 77.56 82.78 -1.37 0.66
Ethical 68.98 73.64r -0.75 2.41
Aberdeen Gilt Inc 55.99 55.99r +0.04 7.29

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336
UK Equity Income 97.95 104.20 -1.00 2.80
UK Equity Growth 86.72 92.25 -0.78 2.04
European 67.88 72.21 -0.92 0.62
Nth American 68.56 72.94 -0.75 0.96
Far Eastern 69.31 73.73r -0.96 0.34
Money 65.14 65.14r +0.01 3.79
Fixed Interest 74.26 79.00 -0.02 6.15
Index Linked Gilt 69.99 74.46 +0.02 1.09

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232
British Growth 72.25 76.86 -0.34 2.26
British Income 81.79 87.01 -0.45 3.06
Select Portfolio 87.97 93.58 +0.22 ...

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0452 305 958
Amity Income 79.61 84.47 -0.36 1.92
Income Builder Inc 71.20 75.74r -0.44 2.66

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514
Balanced Trusts
Growth & Income 257.20 274.90 -2.00 2.75
Capital 442.20 472.70 -2.10 1.64
Balanced 730.00 780.30r -5.80 2.19
Accumulator 1317.0 1407.0 -11.00 2.72
Income Trusts
American Income 50.38 53.85 -0.34 3.31
High Income 451.80 482.90 -2.90 3.34
Equity Income 251.80 269.10r -1.90 3.25
High Yield 278.30 297.50r -2.00 3.13
Govt Securities 35.99 37.99 +0.06 4.82
International Trusts
Amer Spec Sits 137.20 146.60 -1.40 0.29
European Growth 33.76 35.91 -0.51 0.45
International 160.90 171.70 -2.60 0.34
Japan 195.90 209.10r +0.50 0.01
Pacific 434.70 454.00r -16.20 0.17
Secs of America 432.70 460.50r -4.30 0.60
Wwide Asset Val 47.22 50.47 -0.72 0.02
Specialist Trusts
Asset Value 564.10 603.00r -3.40 2.08
Conv & Gilt 51.65 55.21 -0.12 3.51
Smaller Cos 179.20 191.50r +0.30 1.22
2nd Smaller Cos 171.10 182.90 +0.30 1.20
Recovery 150.30 160.60 ... 1.73
Met Min & Cdty 160.90 172.00 -2.90 0.73
Oseas Earnings 369.20 394.60r -3.00 1.99
Technology 159.60 170.60 -1.80 0.02
UK Special Sits 472.30 504.80 -3.40 1.90

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911
Cntrend Out Pens 105.30 109.30 .. 1.45
Foundtn Pens Pens 67.91 70.55 .. 4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 6767
Capital 76.48 81.36r -0.54 1.91
International 63.65 67.71 -0.07 0.50

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242
America 303.10 326.30 -2.40 ...
Bond 129.20 135.90r -0.20 5.79
Brit Smlr Cos 101.80 108.30 ... 0.93
Conv & Gen 66.46 70.93 +0.12 4.90
Energy 449.60 489.00r -6.10 0.24
Europe 222.80 236.60 -2.60 0.51
Euro Smlr Cos 99.02 105.00 -0.10 0.92
Income Gwth 364.40 388.90r -0.40 3.94
Japan 311.90 331.70 -0.70 ..
Pacific 116.80 124.30r -6.00 0.69
UK Smlr Cos 50.59 53.82r -0.33 0.86
Japan Fd 717.20 737.80 -1.90 ...
Mngd Fd 180.70 192.20 -2.30 2.53

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673
Brit & Oseas 304.00 320.00 ... 1.15
Capital Gwth 122.80 129.30 ... 2.09
Wwide Opps 204.30 215.10 . 0.45

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544
Balanced Trusts
Bst Inv Fd Inc 366.00 381.20 -4.20 2.42
European Bd Inc 98.80 102.30r .. 7.26
Exempt 80.42 85.78 -1.19 3.68
Financial 78.49 83.95r -1.00 2.05
500.00 473.60 505.10 -0.60 2.23
General 288.70 308.90 -2.90 2.19
Property 245.20 262.20r ... 5.65
Trustee 195.60 209.20r -2.20 1.83
Income Trusts
Cash Inc 100.10 100.10r .. 4.61
Extra Income 125.20 133.90 -1.00 3.83
Gilt & Fxd Int 63.76 65.90r -0.14 7.56
Income 576.20 616.20 -3.60 3.79
Income Builder 70.53 75.04 -0.51 4.40
Intl Income 70.26 74.75r -0.63 2.78
Growth Trusts - UK
Capital 123.90 132.20 -1.50 2.27
Leisure 122.80 131.30 -1.50 1.30
Recovery 431.80 461.80 -2.90 2.29
Smllr Cos Inc 42.77 45.87 +0.01 1.92
Special Sits 292.00 312.30 -2.90 1.76
Growth Trusts - Overseas
America 136.40 144.70 -0.10 0.15
Aust Acc 261.40 278.00 -1.00 1.35
Aust Inc 163.60 174.00r -0.80 1.35
Euro Gwth Inc 142.20 150.80 -1.60 0.41
Japan & Gen Inc 170.00 180.00 -0.20 ..
Japan Spec Sits 73.61 77.98 +0.04 ..
Univ Tech Inc 77.91 82.79 -0.63 0.59
Worldwide 178.20 189.10r -1.70 0.50

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002
American Growth 101.40 107.50r -0.60
Amer Smllr Cos 133.20 142.80 -0.90 ..
Cash Trust 50.40 50.40 ... 4.90
Convertibles 60.91 65.16r -0.05 5.60
Eastern 298.50 322.90 -15.20 1.70
Equity Income 96.92 103.10 -0.40 5.00
European Growth 294.80 313.40 -3.70 1.50
Europe 210.90 224.80r -1.00 1.50
German Growth 74.30 79.11 -0.45 0.70
Global Bond 71.94 75.94 +0.14 5.30
Global Growth 130.60 139.20r -1.90 ...
Japan Growth 204.70 216.60 -0.30 ..
Japan Sunrise 173.40 184.60 -0.10 ...
Korea Trust 70.36 75.14 +0.94 ..
Portfolio 140.50 150.00 -1.00 3.20
UK Growth 97.01 103.20 -0.80 2.80
UK Smaller Cos 95.94 102.60 ... 1.90
Select Managers 77.91 83.35 -0.79 2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300
Intl Gwth Port Inc 79.11 84.16 ... ...
Special Oppor Inc 54.66 58.14 ...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 4441
Special Sits 181.20 193.80 -1.20 0.48
Dividend 85.45 91.39 -1.03 4.28
Int Gth & Inc 227.80 243.60r -2.30 2.48
UK & Gen 47.12 50.40 -0.44 1.57
Fund of Funds 68.28 73.03 -0.37 ...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 225 6020
Balanced Trusts 113.06 120.93 -0.79 1.27
Smaller Cos 103.84 111.06 +0.30 0.97
Higher Yield 47.32 50.61r -0.20 2.43
American Gth Inc 72.73 77.78 -0.14 ...
European Gthwth 130.82 139.92 -1.01 ...
Global Bond Inc 31.77 33.70r -0.04 4.44
Mngd Pflolio Inc 44.26 47.34 -0.24 1.02

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216
Short Dated Gilt 70.22 71.18 -0.02 4.90

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060
Environ 156.20 166.20r -0.40 1.23
UK Growth 173.30 184.40 -1.60 1.69
UK Income 144.00 153.40 -1.30 3.61

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122
Can Gen Dist 195.60 207.40 -1.80 1.75
-do- Income Dist 118.30 125.40 -0.90 4.26
Gilt & Fxd Int 63.89 68.63 +0.03 5.59

For Carlmon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362
American & Gen 151.70 161.40 -0.70 ...
European Inc 78.61 83.22 -0.77 0.53
Far East & Gen 66.58 70.83 -0.02 ...
Smaller Cos (4-1) 80.42 85.56 +0.12 1.52
Growth 443.70 474.60 -1.80 1.94
Income & Growth 442.00 470.30 -3.70 3.16
Master Portfolio 10988 11399r -116.0 1.71
Special Sits 101.60 108.10r -0.30 1.90
High Yield 1422.0 1466.0 -12.00 3.68

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561
American Gwth Tst 38.06 40.70 -0.27 0.90
Cash Income 50.29 50.29 ... 4.98
European Gwth 39.31 41.92 -0.59 0.83
Income & Gwth Inc 29.90 31.97 -0.29 3.87
Intnl Gwth 31.65 33.84 -0.18 0.76
Japan Gwth 25.30 27.05 ... ...
Managed Tst Inc 50.93 54.47 -0.95 0.48
Oriental Opps Inc 159.30 170.30 -9.00 0.58
Property Shares 45.37 48.52r -0.24 1.68
Smaller Cos 32.67 34.94 +0.04 1.51
UK Growth Tst 27.04 28.91 -0.21 2.61
Royal Scottish Assurance
Cap Hse Global Inc 74.90 80.10 -0.82 1.61
Cap Hse UK Inc 71.24 76.19 -0.68 2.34
Exempt 23.59 24.26 ... ...
Formerly Brown Shipley
European Inc 26.12 27.93 -0.30 0.38
European Acc 27.09 28.97 -0.31 0.38
Financial 158.30 169.30 -0.90 2.40
Foundation 93.20 99.67 -0.07 2.55
German 51.23 54.79 -0.82 0.07
High Income 82.33 88.05r -0.42 5.80
Income 141.40 151.20 -0.70 3.64
Intl Growth 38.07 40.71 -0.82 0.16
Mngd Pflio Inc 108.50 116.00 -3.40 1.59
Mngd Pflio Acc 206.40 220.70 -6.50 1.59
Monthly Income 86.31 92.31r -0.20 3.49
North American 109.00 116.50r -1.40 0.16
Orient 146.60 156.70 -2.70 ...

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708
Cazenove Portfolio 83.99 89.81r -0.98 2.12
American Portfolio 91.14 97.19r -0.62 0.99
European Portfolio 93.86 100.21 -1.59 1.00
Japanese Portfolio 63.56 67.65 -0.12 ...
Pacific Portfolio 149.79 161.07r -5.12 0.65
UK Inc & Growth 77.22 82.65 -0.57 3.58
Utility & Bond 59.77 60.47 -0.40 5.91

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000
UK General Tst 67.95 72.28 -0.47 2.77
Global Tst 62.45 66.43 -1.32 0.29
Recovery Tst 72.10 76.70 -0.27 1.72

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667
Intl Growth 149.99 162.08r ... ...
UK Growth 111.52 120.50 ... 1.05
UK Income 113.50 123.25r ... 3.95

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966
Beckman Intl 93.03 98.24 +1.04 1.70
Beck Bio-Tech 41.93 44.61r ... ...
Acorn Ethical Tst 164.92 173.60r ... 1.22
City Fin Assets 75.31 79.27 ... 1.55
City Fin America 81.16 85.43 -0.23 ...
City Fin Intl 77.81 81.91 -2.18 0.48
City Fin Japan 155.85 164.05 -1.38 ...
Friars Hse Cap 283.82 300.34r ... 2.17
Friars Hse Inc 210.91 223.19 ... 4.68
Buckley Wrld Grth 144.33 153.54 +0.69 0.65
Fairmnt Cap Gth 148.70 156.53 ... ...
-do- Inc & Gth 117.34 123.52 ... 1.56
Fairmount Intl 167.71 176.54 ... ...
City Fin Pflio Inc 62.99 67.01r .. 2.48

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144
Emerging Markets 60.26 63.94 -1.79 ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393
American Gwth 58.38 62.94 -0.14 ...
Atlas Mngd Gwth 37.55 40.38 -0.76 0.08
Dragon Growth 76.86 82.22 -4.21 0.40
Equity High Inc 88.31 93.70r -0.71 3.27
European Gwth 49.75 52.79 -0.52 0.65
Evergreen 30.40 32.51 -0.61 0.49
General Equity 88.27 93.66 -0.52 2.03
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 27.77 29.18r ... 7.88
Japan Growth 44.85 48.44 +0.32 ...
Pedigree Gwth 52.59 55.80 -0.32 1.91
Ped Sm Cos Inc 32.69 34.68 +0.23 0.75
Retirement Inc 27.97 30.08 -0.17 4.93
Special Sits 38.34 41.01 -0.17 1.73
UK & Overseas 50.17 53.23 -1.00 1.03

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 000
Capital 67.96 72.68 -0.53 2.64
Income 66.07 69.59 -0.34 3.58

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park,
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)
Income Funds
Equity Inc 176.23 187.48 -0.93 4.72
Fixed & Convertible 47.17 50.18r -0.27 5.66
Monthly Inc Plus 54.35 57.82 -0.09 7.75
Preference Share 53.07 56.46r -0.09 6.74
Balanced Funds
High Yield 139.38 148.28r -0.69 5.54
Managed Fund 70.96 75.06 -0.4 2.69
UK Growth Funds
Smaller Cos 42.70 45.43 +0.08 1.81
UK & General 82.01 87.24 -0.72 2.48
UK Growth 142.33 151.41 -1.03 1.59
International Growth Funds
Europe Growth 184.86 196.66 -1.06 ...
Far Eastern Grth 140.73 149.71 -6.07 0.28
Global Bond 88.26 93.78 -0.27 5.70
Japan Growth 113.73 120.99 +0.54 ...
North Amer Grth 164.55 175.05 -1.18 ...
Oriental Growth 86.07 91.56 -5.01 ...
Worldwide Growth 64.38 68.49 -0.19 0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)
Deposit Fund 92.47 92.47 +0.01 4.69
Homemaker Fund 79.80 84.89 -1.24 1.80
Quilter Fund 143.97 153.16 -1.78 1.94

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 849
Growth Inc 60.74 64.61r -0.37 2.40
High Income 35.93 38.22 -0.18 4.00
Japan 33.07 35.18 +0.10 ..
Smaller Cos Inc 31.70 33.72 +0.08 2.10
Smaller Cos 32.99 35.09 +0.08 2.10
North American 33.17 35.28 -0.24 0.50
European 36.65 38.98 -0.42 0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966
Consistent UT 33.39 35.77 . 4.14

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 355
Growth 145.00 154.30 -0.30 1.82
Income 79.01 84.06 -0.02 4.07
European 59.25 63.04r -0.78 0.77
Recovery 139.70 148.70 -1.60 1.56

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494
Equity Dist 865.60 879.90 . 3.65

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370
Fellowship Tst 73.70 78.41 -0.44 1.56
Income 251.50 267.60 -1.90 3.16
Smaller Cos 144.30 153.60r .. 0.83
Inv Portfolio 80.46 85.60 -1.00 1.80
High Income Port 71.29 75.83 -0.43 3.43

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0177
Euro Small Cos 1459.5 1488.6r . .
Japan Small Cos 1055.0 1076.1r . .
UK Small Cos 1734.4 1807.7r
US Small Cos 1636.7 1682.5 ... ...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819
Disc Inc 197.90 208.30 . 2.72

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500
European Gwth 251.30 265.70 -3.20 1.13
New Asia 228.20 246.80 -11.80 0.32
Japan Growth 117.00 124.20 +0.20 ..
Jap Smlr Co 476.90 506.30 +2.90 ..
Nth Amer 249.30 264.20 -0.20 0.92
Shltrd Asia Pac Mt 128.00 135.90 -6.20 0.46
UK Inc & Grth 229.60 245.00 -1.50 3.31

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555
UK Balanced Inc 145.50 154.80r -1.10 2.23
UK High Inc Inc 163.10 173.50r -1.30 4.60
UK Pref & F I Inc 64.84 68.76r +0.07 6.41
Envrnmntl Opps 84.28 89.66 -0.84 1.37

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526
American 122.70 130.40 -0.80 0.15
Convertibles 24.44 25.97r -0.08 7.51
Equity Income 142.00 150.90r -1.10 3.31
EuroFund 45.20 47.81r -0.80 0.84
Financial 52.57 55.86 -0.48 1.43
Growth & Inc 248.90 264.50 -2.00 2.84
High Dist 169.70 180.30 -0.80 4.16
International 397.30 411.40 -7.80 0.24
Intl Income 98.08 104.70r -1.30 2.48
Latin American 50.75 53.92 +0.40 0.23
Pacific 88.39 93.91 -4.21 ..
Preference Share 25.97 27.59r -0.05 5.62
Tokyo 200.00 212.70 -0.30 ..
UK Smaller Cos 236.80 251.60 -0.40 0.93

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70538
Elcon Trust 225.10 240.20

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7284
Endurance Fd 207.60 220.90 0.42

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QW
0296 431 480
European 77.68 81.77 -1.19 1.61
Far Eastern 320.51 337.17 -10.58 1.26
High Income 141.57 149.02 -0.82 4.11
Intl Growth 125.20 131.79 -1.13 0.96
North American 119.87 126.18 -0.69 1.02
Pelican 123.47 129.97 -1.27 2.82
Smaller Cos 75.38 79.36r -0.09 1.90
Special Sits 94.80 99.85 -0.64 1.66
Tst of Inv Tsts 193.20 203.37 -2.38 1.87

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966
Smaller Cos Inc 209.24 217.96 +0.19 1.65
Smaller Cos Acc 362.24 377.33 -0.73 1.65
Recovery 55.08 57.37r -0.22 1.99

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144
Balanced 122.19 129.71 -0.04 4.43
Capital Growth 85.64 91.84 -0.64 ...
Fd of Inv Tsts 47.35 50.41r -0.84 0.22
High Income 50.25 53.61r -0.16 8.26
Warrant 66.08 71.83 -1.76 ..
Zero Preference 38.05 40.39r ... ...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707
Family Asset Tst 76.77 81.66 ... 2.35
Family Income Tst 53.27 56.19 ... 5.73
Family Trust 83.27 88.58 ... 1.19
United Charities 258.60 275.00 .. 3.25

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings 0800 414 181
Cash Fund
Cash Fund 100.00 100.00 ... 4.70
Stabiliser Growth Range
Controlled Risk UK 25.28 26.62 ... 3.04
-do- Europe 24.40 25.70 -0.11 4.92
-do- America 23.83 25.10 -0.14 0.47
-do- Acc Japan 26.84 28.31 -0.19 0.71
Bond Funds
Gilt & Fxd Int 31.99 32.28r -0.08 6.12
Intl Bond 33.31 34.75 -0.04 4.72
Income Funds
High Income 29.22 30.75r -0.05 4.59
Income Plus 128.70 136.90 -0.50 3.76
Amer Eq Inc 48.43 51.36 -0.32 1.83
European Income 44.79 47.63 +0.05 2.36
Far East Inc 66.05 69.49 -1.84 2.29
Global Convertible 25.18 26.80r -0.15 2.12
Equity Funds
ASEAN 64.80 69.13 -5.74 ...
American 235.10 249.20 -0.70 ..
Amer Spec Sits 111.70 119.20 -0.60 ..
Japan Smaller Cos 37.35 39.85 -0.17 ..
European 160.00 170.20 -0.90 ..
European Opps 59.69 63.47 ... ..
UK Growth 89.93 95.62 -0.25 ...
Growth & Inc 160.60 170.80r -1.20 2.37
Intl PEP 36.03 38.31 -0.35 ...
Japan Spec Sits 83.58 89.15 +1.17 ...
Japan 175.90 187.80 +0.90 ...
Managed Intl 261.10 279.00 -2.00 ...
Moneybuilder 51.90 55.37 -0.33 ...
Recovery 44.54 47.36 -0.07 ..
South E Asia 164.60 175.60 -7.60 ...
Special Sits 515.00 547.60 -0.10 ...
Specialist Funds
UK Index 116.10 122.20 -0.80 2.95
UK Reverse Index 71.21 75.02 -0.55 4.95
Europe Index 117.60 123.80 -1.10 4.41
-do- Reverse Index 63.96 67.69 ... 8.51
America Index 103.20 108.70 -0.70 0.81
-do- Reverse Index 91.49 96.53 -0.28 0.95
Japan Index 122.80 129.40 +2.00 0.94
-do- Reverse Index 91.43 96.75 -2.91 1.57
Cash Accum Units 104.05 104.05 +0.01 4.70

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2780
Balanced 147.60 150.90 +1.30 2.00
Inc Pflolio 94.01 95.78r +0.76 3.33
Cap Pflolio 155.90 158.60r -1.60 0.56
General Opps 135.90 137.80 +2.00 3.14
Growth Inc 32.53 33.12 -0.41 2.06
Private Portfolio 434.80 441.90 -1.30 1.38

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex
CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010
Hypo Foreign & Colonial
European 113.00 119.50 -1.50 0.33
Far Eastern 175.90 188.50 -3.50 ...
High Income 23.72 25.24r -0.09 10.00
Oseas Income 100.70 107.40r -0.90 2.86
UK Growth 115.80 123.80r -0.80 0.76
UK Income 114.50 122.60 -1.00 4.89
US Smaller Cos 292.10 312.40 -1.60 ...

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966
High Inc Eqy 52.68 56.04r -0.32 3.71
-do- Inv Tst Inc 80.11 85.22 -0.42 3.64
Intl Growth 74.82 79.60 ... 1.14
Investment Trust 93.35 99.31 +0.85 0.22
UK Smaller Cos 83.77 89.12r +0.08 1.23

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100
American Growth 55.17 58.97 -0.34 ..
(Accum Units) 55.17 58.97 -0.34 ...
Amer Smllr Cos 497.20 531.70 -1.90 ...
(Accum Units) 507.90 543.10 -2.00 ...
Capital Tst 321.70 342.10 +1.20 1.70
(Accum Units) 452.80 481.60 +1.80 1.70
Conv/ Smllr Cos 57.64 61.70 +0.03 0.44
(Accum Units) 60.25 64.50 +0.30 0.44
Convertible 141.30 150.20 +0.10 5.03
(Accum Units) 273.60 291.00 +0.10 5.03
Emerging Markets 86.06 91.94r -1.53 ..
(Accum Units) 86.14 92.02r -1.53 ..
European 117.40 124.70 -1.30 0.22
(Accum Units) 122.40 130.00 -1.40 0.22
Extra Income 349.10 371.30 -0.50 3.24
(Accum Units) 499.80 531.60 -0.80 3.24
Financial 127.10 136.60 -1.00 0.23
(Accum Units) 133.00 142.90 -1.20 0.23
Gilt Trust 72.54 74.79 ... 5.32
(Accum Units) 96.04 99.02 ... 5.32
Health Fund Inc 141.60 151.20 +0.30 ...
(Accum Units) 141.60 151.20 +0.30 ..
Income & Growth 207.90 221.10r -1.10 3.19
(Accum Units) 301.20 320.30r -1.50 3.19
Intl Growth 368.40 395.90 -2.00 ...
(Accum Units) 409.10 439.60 -2.30 ...
Japan & Gen 181.40 194.40 -1.30 ...
(Accum Units) 183.20 196.30 -1.40 ...
Managed Port Inc 108.10 113.70 -0.40 0.64
(Accum Units) 113.60 119.50 -0.50 0.64
Monthly Income 174.70 185.80 -0.30 3.37
Quarterly Income 58.00 61.69 -0.20 4.12
(Accum Units) 59.32 63.09 -0.21 4.12
Recovery 346.10 370.10 -1.10 0.22
(Accum Units) 406.50 434.70 -1.50 0.22
UK Growth 55.01 58.68 -0.38 2.29
(Accum Units) 55.01 58.68 -0.38 2.29

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts
Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622
FP Equity Dist 406.19 432.12 -4.61 2.18
-do- Accum 837.93 891.42 -9.52 2.18
FP Euro Gth Dist 129.78 138.06 -0.54 0.41
-do- Accum 134.78 143.38 -0.56 0.41
FP Fixed Int Dist 147.02 155.51r -0.36 5.36
-do- Accum 254.65 269.36r -0.62 5.36
FP Intl Gth Dist 91.41 97.25r -1.00 0.42
-do- Accum 95.04 101.11r -1.05 0.42
FP Nth Amer Dist 193.17 204.63r -0.50 0.59
-do- Accum 211.05 223.57r -0.56 0.59
FP Pac Basin Dist 309.69 329.46r -9.90 0.01
-do- Accum 315.60 335.75r -10.08 0.01
Stewardship Dist 349.07 371.35 -1.29 1.61
-do- Accum 418.99 445.73 -1.54 1.61
Stwrdshp Inc Dist 76.03 80.88 -0.05 2.93
-do- Accum 95.28 101.36 -0.08 2.93
N Am Stshp Dist 101.84 108.34r -0.44 0.36
-do- Accum 107.79 114.67r -0.46 0.36

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 986/7
GANDA 248.80 263.10 -2.50 1.86
Cash 49.62 50.36 ... 4.34
Growth Portfolio 85.88 91.03 -3.09 0.13
Income Portfolio 72.55 76.72 -1.05 3.25

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall,
London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing 071 626 9431
Amer Spec Sits 157.00 168.00 +0.70 ..
European 525.00 559.80 -2.50 1.29
Far East & Gen 265.30 283.80r -5.50 ..
Germany 123.50 131.30 -0.90 ...
Global Assets Inc ... ...
Income Inc 155.40 166.20 -0.30 4.75
International 346.20 370.30 -0.70 0.63
Intl Income 88.29 93.79r -0.62 3.77
Japan & General 395.80 421.30 ... ...
Korean Securities 67.75 72.29 +0.43 0.18
Smllr Cos Div Inc 51.09 54.65r -0.08 4.11
UK Capital (Inc) 186.80 199.80 -1.00 1.76
UK Spec Sits 90.49 96.79 -0.74 0.34
US & General 132.80 141.50 -0.80 ..
Wwide Spec Sits 162.60 173.00 -0.30 0.09

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London
EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only 0277 264 421
Investor Services Freephone 0800 289 336
UK Growth Funds
British Growth 53.03 56.71 -0.82 1.97
Cash Trust 131.77 131.77 -0.61 4.54
Practical Inv Inc 119.50 127.91 -0.94 3.45
UK Index 155.22 157.78 -1.27 2.74
UK Smaller Cos 119.47 127.78 +0.19 1.35
Income Funds
Preference Share 28.41 30.39 -0.01 8.33
High Income 37.18 39.76r -0.19 4.38
UK Equity Income 149.46 159.85 -1.14 3.34
Global Bond 30.84 31.95r -0.06 4.57
International Funds
Frontier Markets 67.28 71.96 -1.38 ...
Global Inc & Gth 138.90 147.99 -1.25 1.48
Gold & Intl Res 122.82 131.36 -0.62 0.53
Global Utilities 136.93 146.13r -2.43 0.68
Overseas Funds
American 141.05 150.71 -0.70 0.48
European 96.99 102.69 -1.45 0.88
Euro Sel Opps 123.54 131.22 -1.38 0.21
Amer Emerging 101.69 108.75r -0.77 ..
Hong Kong 178.46 190.87 -10.71 0.87
Japan 221.65 235.62 -0.14 ..
Pacific Growth 236.87 253.34 -12.53 ..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds
Managed Equity 217.53 217.53r -1.82 1.74
Long Term Bal 238.87 238.87r -1.92 2.05
Med Term Bal 201.87 201.87r -1.39 2.40
UK Equity 243.83 243.83 -1.09 1.39
UK Emerging Cos 142.52 142.52r +1.26 1.89
American 239.07 239.07 -1.14 1.25
Japan 125.75 125.75 -2.12 ..
European 246.74 246.74 -3.36 1.00
Index Linked Gilt 177.30 177.30r -0.32 2.89
Fixed Interest 171.26 171.26 +0.05 6.05
Amer Emerging 261.20 261.20 -2.18 ..
Pacific 253.49 253.49r -12.18 0.57
Emerging Mkts 203.50 203.50 -0.76 ..
Index Strat Japan 143.06 143.06 +8.67 0.25
-do- Pacific Rim 210.00 210.00 -20.36 1.22
-do- Cont Europe 145.70 145.70 +0.99 1.65
Index Strat USA 132.42 132.42 +1.16 2.10
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds
Managed Equity 102.96 109.53 -0.91 ..
Med Term Bal 96.07 102.20 -0.71 ..
Long Term Bal 107.63 114.50 -0.92 ..
UK Equity 112.71 119.97 -0.54 ..
UK Emerging Cos 66.85 71.12 +0.13 ..
American 109.34 116.32 -0.36 ..
Japan 60.58 64.44 -0.07 ...
European 103.05 109.63 -1.49 ..
Fixed Interest 86.14 91.64 +0.03 ..
Index Linked Gilt 78.35 83.36 -0.15 ..
Deposit 76.49 81.37 -0.51 ..
Broker Unit Trusts
Berkeley Int Grth 130.44 137.30r -1.34 ..
Berkeley Income 119.12 125.39r -0.13 2.03
BWH Intl 141.56 149.01 +0.25 0.57
British Gth Port Inc 63.18 66.68 -0.08 2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc 61.74 65.16 -0.09 3.25
-do- Wwide Port 54.12 57.12 -0.01 1.00
Shaw Utilities 57.97 61.18 -0.50 3.48

GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7535
Inv Opportunities 148.20 156.30r +3.60 ..
Higher Income 132.60 139.50 +3.70 1.60

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990
& Intl Inc 574.16 610.81 ... 0.06
European Inc 146.65 156.01r ..
Amalgam Inc 150.90 159.82 +1.74 ..
N America Inc 326.38 347.21 ..
Far East Inc 355.58 378.28 ... 0.20
UK Divid Inc 168.17 178.90r -1.42 5.06

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane,
London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7988
UK Equity Inc 89.31 93.86r -0.87 4.02
UK Small Cos 50.25 53.74 +0.14 1.10
British Growth 59.00 62.13 -0.35 2.14
American Gwth 161.60 172.83r -0.93 ..
Japan Gwth 77.57 82.95r +0.32 ..
Greater China 214.91 229.85r -5.07 0.95
Pacific Strategy 182.43 195.12 -5.90 0.15
European Gwth 81.92 87.83 -0.57 0.52
Intl Growth 159.46 170.35r -1.15 0.24
US Index (£) 13.835 14.578 -0.106 1.70
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind 80.06 84.54 -0.87 2.15
Monthly Income 47.84 50.75r -0.07 10.50
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033
UK Index (£) 12.312 12.875 -0.189 4.40
Euro Index (£) 12.976 13.579 -0.277 4.50
Japan Index (£) 10.380 10.866 -0.231 1.85
US Index (£) 14.589 15.242 -0.118 1.50
Cash (£) 9.5739 9.6238 .. 5.10
UK Bear (£) 7.1462 7.4748 +0.106 4.40
European Bear (£) 7.3906 7.6920 -0.082 4.50
Japan Bear (£) 11.885 12.441 -0.432 1.85
US Bear (£) 8.9317 9.3440 -0.059 1.50
Dollar Bull (£) 15.562 16.288 +0.246 1.50
Dollar Bear (£) 7.0015 7.3304 +0.028 4.40
Gilt Bull (£) 12.071 12.617 -0.014 4.40
Gilt Bear (£) 6.9415 7.2556 -0.009 4.40
Dollar Cash (£) 10.540 10.593 -0.078 1.90
Gvt UK Index (£) 12.889 13.527 -0.376 4.40

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1212
Small Cos 92.26 98.15 ... 1.32
Bridge Income 286.15 304.41 ... 4.80

GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668
Cash 134.00 134.00 +0.10 4.73
European 450.00 480.70r +0.90 0.12
Gilt & Fixed 141.20 149.90 +0.70 4.53
Growth Equity 354.40 369.00 -3.10 1.81
Income Trust 132.70 141.70r -1.20 2.83
International 184.00 196.50 -1.80 ...
Japan Trust 118.50 127.00 ... ...
Nth American 276.20 295.00 -1.20 0.26
Pacific 605.20 646.50 -32.70 ...
Guardhill 504.30 538.90 -5.20 1.91

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129
EMU Trust 116.11 120.54 +0.15 7.68
Global High Inc 120.48 125.08 +0.46 7.85
Prem Fixed Int 118.94 123.48r -0.15 7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc 110.34 117.31r -1.24 4.85
European Growth 95.69 101.74 +0.62 0.18
Intl PEP Trust 59.87 63.65 -0.05 1.02
High Income 124.64 132.52 -2.21 3.19
Recovery 376.30 400.20 +2.70 1.40
St Vinc High Inc 139.44 141.53 -0.14 6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co 236.10 251.00 -2.20 1.35
Tmp Br Sm Co In 349.30 355.50r +1.90 1.88

HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838 868
Global Advtg Inc 41.00 43.46 -0.20 1.29
Income Advtg Inc 34.46 36.53r -0.30 3.14

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390
Model Pflolio 208.90 221.60 -2.20 2.06
Smaller Cos 34.27 36.46 -0.10 1.39

HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772
UK Funds
Special Sits 298.69 319.81 -0.61 1.35
Best of British 65.80 70.32 -0.55 2.02
UK Smaller Cos 125.46 134.86 -0.13 1.02
High Income Funds
Income & Growth 285.83 304.40r -1.77 2.82
High Income 340.66 364.15 -1.03 3.51
Extra Income 307.23 327.07r -0.92 3.86
Pref & Gilt 50.84 54.65 +0.04 7.43
International
International 278.45 297.08 -4.52 0.23
Global Bond 59.97 63.79r -0.07 6.12
Family of Funds 83.65 89.40r -0.12 0.29
Global Tech 149.98 160.40 -0.49 ...
Overseas Funds
Asian Enterprise 191.89 205.20 -11.43 ...
European 467.42 494.77 -3.16 0.27
European Income 84.74 89.68 -0.44 2.26
Euro Smlr Cos 143.77 152.97 -0.31 0.22
Eur Sp Sits 62.78 67.04 +0.19 0.17
Japan Trust 204.59 217.83r +0.25 ...
Japan Special Sits 235.15 250.09 +1.62 ...
Pacific Smlr Cos 273.90 291.38 -12.66 0.06
North American 244.96 260.67r -0.53 ...
American Smaller 108.57 116.06 -0.18 ...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio
American Growth 57.68 61.14 -0.09 ...
Eur Sp Sits 53.89 57.12 +0.29 ...
General Growth 43.75 46.37 -0.36 ...
Global Tech 58.69 62.21 -0.19 ...
Income Growth 42.97 46.07 -0.27 ...
Japan Growth 25.02 26.52 +0.05 ...
Overseas Growth 40.63 43.06 -0.67 ...
Smaller Cos 22.04 23.36 -0.6 ...
Special Opps 29.07 30.81 -0.03 ...
Sterling Liquidity ... ...
Wwide Sp Sits 50.24 53.78 -0.84 ...

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355
British 103.90 111.10 -0.80 1.77
Capital 179.70 192.10 -1.50 1.58
Dollar 342.60 366.40 -1.10 0.01
European 236.00 252.40 -2.10 0.42
Far East 354.30 378.90r -17.20 0.21
Financial 870.40 930.90 -11.80 1.30
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 29.38 30.52 +0.03 6.75
High Yield 118.00 126.20r -0.60 3.89
Income & Growth 157.90 168.60 -1.00 2.88
International 247.50 264.70 -3.00 0.06
Japanese General 182.80 195.50r +1.80 ...
Japan Tech 68.86 73.64r +0.47 ...
Nat Resources 78.78 84.25 -0.47 0.42
Portfolio 76.79 82.12 -0.64 1.69
Security 344.70 368.60 -1.60 1.74
Smaller Cos 131.30 140.40 ... 1.25
Special Sits 159.60 170.60 -0.80 1.29
UK Emerging Cos 85.96 91.93 +0.33 0.29
US Smaller Cos 73.17 78.25 -0.54 ...

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890
James Capel Unit Trusts
Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890
Index Funds
American Index 204.90 218.10 -1.50 1.20
Eurotrack 100 156.10 165.70 -1.60 0.94
Footsie Fund 55.68 58.87r -0.57 2.33
Japan Index 74.41 79.28 -0.03 0.14
Tiger Index 219.50 234.30 -6.10 0.18
Trade Index 119.10 127.10 -1.70 1.72
UK Index 145.10 154.90r -1.30 2.67
Active Funds
American Growth 480.40 512.70 -2.40 0.16
Capital 621.90 663.70 -3.40 2.02
European Growth 106.60 113.20r -0.80 0.29
Far East Growth 39.65 42.66r -2.64 ...
Global Bond 24.44 25.77r -0.04 6.17
Hong Kong Gwth 130.90 139.70 -6.80 0.48
Income 602.30 642.80 -4.50 3.54
Intl Growth 78.83 83.95 -0.83 0.10
Japan Growth 265.50 283.30 +0.20 ...
Japan Smllr Cos 33.11 35.26 +0.09 ...
Spore & Mlysn Gth 75.55 80.63 -7.20 ...
Midland Unit Trusts
Dealing 0742 520200
Enquiries 0742 529076
Balanced 62.60 66.95 -0.31 2.12
(Accum Units) 64.36 68.83 -0.32 2.12
British Tst 89.32 95.53 -0.68 1.77
(Accum Units) 101.10 108.10 -0.70 1.77
Extra High Inc 76.72 82.05r -0.35 5.49
(Accum Units) 140.60 150.30r -0.70 5.49
Gilt & Fxd Int 60.94 63.44r +0.03 5.87
(Accum Units) 167.00 173.80r +0.10 5.87
High Yield 248.70 266.00 -0.60 4.28
(Accum Units) 596.90 638.30 -1.70 4.28
Income 322.40 344.80 -1.90 2.66
(Accum Units) 681.80 728.90 -4.10 2.66
Japan Growth 338.30 361.70 +2.00 ...
(Accum Units) 356.90 381.70 +2.30 ...
Mandarin Tst 133.60 142.90 -6.30 0.61
(Accum Units) 139.70 149.40 -6.60 0.61
Money Market UT 49.54 49.54 ... 4.61
(Accum Units) 74.44 74.44 ... 4.61
Monthly Income 94.62 101.20 -0.40 3.66
North American 183.50 196.30r -0.80 0.42
(Accum Units) 232.00 248.10r -1.00 0.42
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust
British 104.90 111.60 -0.80 1.76
European Growth 105.50 112.10 +0.10 0.02
Gilt & Fixed 89.64 95.12 +0.04 5.83
Income 91.56 97.40 -0.56 2.71
Japan Growth 50.25 53.47 -0.05 ...
Managed 69.73 73.76 -0.34 2.36
Money Market 82.60 87.56 +0.01 4.59
North American 88.79 94.46 -0.33 0.47
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust
British 95.32 101.40 -0.80 1.74
European Growth 97.38 103.60 +0.10 0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int 85.44 90.56 +0.04 5.80
Income 89.97 95.71 -0.55 2.68
Japan Growth 50.18 53.38 -0.05 ..
Managed 66.34 70.57 -0.33 2.36
Money Market 76.35 80.93 ... 4.54
North American 80.89 86.05 -0.29 0.57
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust
British 95.69 101.80 -0.80 1.72
European Growth 95.13 101.20 +0.20 ..
Gilt & Fixed Int 79.27 84.12 +0.04 5.87
Income 89.50 95.21 -0.55 2.64
Japan Growth 51.36 54.64 -0.04 ...
Managed 69.73 74.18 -0.34 2.34
Money Market 71.80 76.11 ... 4.57
North American 89.69 95.42 -0.33 0.44

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733
UK Specialist Trusts
Investment Tst 75.75 80.48r -0.87 0.42
Smaller Cos 70.96 75.73 -0.09 1.60
Special Features 33.32 35.40 -0.22 1.26
(Accum Units) 39.72 42.20 -0.26 1.26
General Funds
Assets & Earnings 82.01 87.13 -0.68 3.72
Accum Units 97.87 103.90 -0.80 1.72
General Equities 79.16 84.10 -0.70 2.57
Great British Cos 55.11 58.90r -0.36 1.51
Managed Invest 101.70 108.50 -1.00 1.11
PEP Managed 74.29 79.32 -0.65 1.96
Expert Child Tst 87.10 92.84 -0.97 1.64
UK Growth 63.00 67.37 -0.48 1.40
High Income Funds
Cashbox Dist 50.73 50.73 ... 3.75
Cashbox Accs 57.20 57.20 ... 3.75
Extra Income 94.00 100.30 -0.70 4.22
Gilt 30.53 32.16r +0.03 5.65
Income & Growth 45.09 47.99 -0.34 2.94
Monthly Gilt & FI 82.91 84.78 ... 6.83
Preference Shares 19.64 20.86r -0.20 9.96
UK Income 365.30 389.50 -2.90 2.87
Sector Specialist Funds
Fin Securities 72.23 75.71r -0.30 0.62
Property Shares 84.39 90.52 -2.00 1.04
Overseas Growth Funds
American Growth 52.31 55.53 -0.32 0.73
US Smaller Cos 121.30 128.70 -0.30 ...
(Accum Units) 122.50 130.10 -0.30 ...
Europe Perf 145.80 154.40 -0.50 ...
(Accum Units) 150.80 159.70 -0.40 ...
Euro Smaller Cos 27.72 29.41 -0.12 ...
French Growth 81.22 86.09 -0.94 ..
Accum Units 86.77 91.97 -1.01 ...
H Kong & China 105.20 112.70 -3.20 0.39
Intl Growth 57.96 61.47 -0.51 0.12
Accum Units 58.15 61.78 -0.51 0.12
Japan Perf 31.93 33.80 -0.06 ..
Accum Units 31.93 33.80 -0.06 ..
Japan Smaller Cos 37.89 40.24 -0.03 ...
Singapore ASEAN 116.90 124.10 -9.10 ...
Accum Units 117.70 125.00 -9.20 ...
SE Asia 340.50 362.70 -20.50 ...
Overseas Income Funds
Global Income 96.96 103.30r -1.20 1.85
Intl Bond 60.40 61.26 +0.10 5.74

JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020
American Cap 102.60 104.30 .. ..
Income 151.85 161.54r ... 3.54
Res & General ... .
UK Growth 55.15 58.67r ... 0.80
International 38.11 40.74 ... 0.88
Ecology 85.32 91.37 ... 0.57
European 115.68 122.78 .. ..
Far Eastern 380.90 405.20 ... ...

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3
Dealers: 071 956 2354 Admin: 071 956 6600
Income Trusts
Extra Income 59.61 63.41r -0.64 6.15
(Accum Units) 83.00 88.30 -0.89 6.15
Gilt Yield 128.70 135.70 -0.10 6.53
(Accum Units) 376.00 396.80 -0.10 6.53
Global Income 237.70 252.90 -3.80 3.41
(Accum Units) 524.40 557.90 -8.51 3.41
High Yield 155.50 165.40r -1.80 5.19
(Accum Units) 449.90 478.50 -5.32 5.19
Smllr Cos Div 58.60 62.40 -0.28 3.17
(Accum Units) 72.30 77.98 -0.36 3.17
Capital Growth Trusts
Amer Smllr Cos 97.85 104.10 -0.90 ..
(Accum Units) 121.20 127.70 -1.10 ..
North American 78.87 83.90r -0.69 0.30
(Accum Units) 96.09 102.90r -0.80 0.30
European Special 91.00 96.84 -0.72 1.29
(Accum Units) 95.50 101.60 -0.80 1.29
European 153.70 163.50r -2.00 1.20
(Accum Units) 201.20 214.00 -2.70 1.20
General 296.50 315.40r -7.80 2.85
(Accum Units) 494.20 525.70r -5.30 2.85
Japan 396.90 422.20 -1.10 ...
(Accum Units) 401.30 426.60 -1.10 ...
Japanese Special 226.60 241.40 -0.10 ...
(Accum Units) 228.00 242.60 -0.10 ...
Master Accum 252.20 268.30 -3.10 0.80
Pacific 349.20 371.50 -10.70 0.39
(Accum Units) 409.50 435.60 -12.70 0.39
Smaller Cos 115.40 122.80r -0.10 0.95
(Accum Units) 156.40 166.40 -0.20 0.95
UK Equity Growth 43.39 46.16 -1.11 1.52
(Accum Units) 80.75 85.90 -2.07 1.52

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 8LA
071 629 1683
High Income (Inc) 57.55 61.22r -0.41 4.40
Global Growth PEP 62.65 66.64 -0.35 ...
Inv Trust PEP 51.40 54.68 -0.43 ...
Higher Risk Invest 59.32 63.10 -0.19 ...

LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
153 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5857
European 91.09 96.50 -0.42 0.85
Extra Income 27.33 29.07 -0.33 3.35
Far East 31.28 33.28 -0.91 0.26
Income & Gwth 83.11 88.41 -0.75 2.34
Intl Growth 58.69 62.44 -0.07 0.48
Japan 62.32 66.30 -0.14 ...
Maximum Dist 102.50 104.50r +0.50 6.97
Nth Amer Equity 41.37 44.01r -0.23 0.18
UK Equity 97.82 104.10r -1.90 2.19

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800
Income 671.40 685.10 ... 4.73
Intl & General 452.40 461.60 ... 0.56

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966
Inc & Growth Inc 59.96 63.79r -0.45 3.92
Smaller Cos 54.28 57.44 +0.16 0.87

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester
GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623
Growth Trust 262.40 279.20r -0.60 1.62
High Income 119.10 126.70r -0.90 3.46
International 96.89 103.10 -1.20 0.30
Recovery Trust 66.10 70.32 -0.03 1.25
European Trust 81.68 86.89 -0.30 0.85
Japanese Trust 42.99 45.73 +0.08 ...
American Trust 82.85 88.14 -0.26 ...
Managed 69.01 73.41 -0.18 0.46
Cash 51.49 51.49 +0.01 4.46

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916
UK Cap 375.00 380.50 ... 2.57
UK Inc/Gth 413.50 419.70 ... 2.98
UK Income 293.00 297.50r ... 3.38
UK Sm Cos 249.70 258.70 ... 1.56
Euro Gwth 118.90 119.80 ... 0.32
N Amer Gwth 82.90 83.75 ... 0.14
Jap & Pac Gth 83.90 84.93 ... ...
Money Mkt 117.11 117.11 -0.146 2.350

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395
Equity Dist 498.70 530.50 -4.30 2.27
Equity Income 107.20 114.00r -0.70 3.24
UK Tactical Allocn 60.20 63.92r -0.71 3.24
European 114.10 121.40 -1.00 0.85
Far Eastern 239.60 254.90 -7.50 ...
Fixed Interest 58.50 62.10r +0.01 5.88
Gilt 101.60 107.70 +0.20 5.37
Global Growth 80.24 85.36r -0.63 0.30
Intl Bond 57.63 61.23 -0.16 4.44
Japanese 69.89 74.35 ...
North American 156.40 166.40 -0.50 0.34
Pacific Growth 132.10 140.50 -7.00 0.21
UK Index 65.11 69.77 -0.57 2.72
UK Recovery 94.56 100.60r -0.30 1.70
UK Smaller Cos 124.30 132.00r +0.30 1.17
US Index 60.82 64.19r -0.36 1.64
European Index 72.78 76.81 -0.66 1.41
Japan Index 38.77 40.92 +0.05 ...
Worldwide 87.30 92.87 -0.70 1.35

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621
Growth 51.35 54.92r -0.25 3.04
Income 62.79 67.16r -0.36 3.50
Far East 58.76 62.84 -0.80 ...
North American 102.10 109.80 -0.30 ...
Global 103.40 110.60 -0.80 0.62
European 89.72 95.91 -0.25 0.81
Japan 105.90 113.30 +0.40 ...
Intl Currency Bd 61.09 64.79 -0.13 5.87
SE Asia 128.30 137.30 -6.30 0.68
UK Capital Growth 96.75 103.50 -1.00 1.79

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313
Balanced 364.40 387.70 +0.70 2.33
-do- Acc 808.80 860.50 +1.80 2.33
Contl Euro Gth 62.38 65.67 -0.23 0.78
-do- Acc 66.45 69.96 -0.24 0.78
Extra Inc 272.50 289.90 -2.10 3.28
-do- Acc 683.20 726.90 -5.00 3.28
German Gth 122.80 129.30 -1.40 0.14
-do- Acc 128.80 135.60 -1.40 0.14
Growth Port 566.80 603.00 -5.00 0.06
-do- Acc 571.60 608.10 -5.10 0.06
Income 511.60 544.30 -10.90 3.14
-do- Acc 1336.0 1422.0 -27.00 3.14
Income Port 541.10 575.70 -2.60 3.57
-do- Acc 555.10 590.60 -2.70 3.57
Japan Growth 97.92 104.20 -1.40 ...
-do- Acc 98.26 104.60 -1.30 ...
Master Trust 60.82 64.71 -0.65 0.92
-do- Acc 66.96 71.24 -0.72 0.92
N American Gen 200.80 213.70 -0.40 ...
-do- Acc 231.90 246.80 -0.50 ...
NAm Sm Co Rec 148.90 158.50 -0.70 ...
-do- Acc 151.90 161.60 -0.90 ...
Pacific Basin 301.90 321.20 -16.80 0.26
-do- Acc 319.10 339.50 -17.70 0.26
Small Cos Rec 355.00 373.70 -11.50 2.09
-do- Acc 466.40 491.00 -15.00 2.09
UK Growth 90.66 96.45r -0.74 1.84
-do- Acc 107.70 114.60 -0.90 1.84
Worldwide Gth 334.60 356.00 -6.90 0.13
-do- Acc 493.50 525.00 -10.40 0.13

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 625
American 66.70 71.57r -0.35 0.30
General 91.18 97.83 -0.81 2.40
Income 72.82 78.13 -0.67 4.60
International 65.93 70.74 -0.59 0.70
Japan 51.98 55.77 +0.25 ...
Tst of Inv Trusts 73.01 78.36 -0.84 1.50

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford
CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390
Amer & General 419.10 443.20 -0.20 0.69
Amer Recovery 465.70 492.50 -2.70 0.24
Amer Smllr Cos 136.00 143.80 +1.10 ...
Australasian 174.80 184.90 -0.90 1.07
Capital 822.30 869.50 -5.90 1.94
Charifund 757.40 765.00 -7.50 4.77
Commodity 388.80 411.20 -0.10 0.39
Compound Grth 956.80 1011.8 -9.20 2.26
Dividend 42.70 45.20 -0.30 3.91
Equity Income 358.30 378.80 -1.30 4.56
Euro & General 494.20 522.60r +5.40 0.53
Euro Dividend 72.60 76.80 +0.30 3.33
Extra Yield 452.10 478.10 -4.30 4.05
Far Eastern 396.00 418.80 -20.30 0.25
Fund of Inv Tsts 652.60 690.10 -9.00 1.74
General 64.10 67.80r -0.50 3.47
Gilt Income 70.22 70.34 -0.06 6.28
Gold 78.70 81.10r +0.30 0.31
High Income 30.40 32.10r -0.20 4.15
Intl Growth 79.40 84.00 -0.50 0.66
International Inc 107.60 113.80 -0.40 4.00
Japan & Gen 44.70 47.30 -0.20 ..
Japan Smlr Cos 150.70 159.40 +0.60 ...
Managed Income 29.50 31.10r -0.10 3.63
Midland 64.70 68.40 .. 2.54
Pension Ex 994.50 1019.4 -7.40 3.55
Recovery 42.80 45.30r -0.30 2.14
Second General 73.80 78.00r -0.30 3.14
Smaller Cos 70.10 74.10 .. 2.62
Treasury 25.04 25.08r +0.01 4.97
Trustee 45.40 48.00 -0.10 3.80

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631
European Growth 80.22 85.34 -0.81 0.13
High Income 312.00 331.90 -3.90 3.84
Intl Bond 70.42 74.09 -0.08 4.77
Intl Equity Growth 70.49 74.98 -0.95 0.36
N Amer Growth 99.78 106.14 -0.30 0.71
Special Sits Growth 22.54 23.97 -0.12 1.79
UK Growth 392.70 417.70 -4.30 2.23

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian
062 082 5867
Joint Investors 1351.6 1378.7r . . 2.56

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242
Maldon General 144.40 148.90r ... 3.87

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealing: 0438 747 414
Growth Units 200.30 214.70 -2.60 2.01
Gilt & Fxd Int 196.10 206.40 -0.50 6.23
Intl Growth 212.40 227.30 -1.10 0.18
North American 193.90 197.20 -1.10 0.24
Far East 298.50 319.30 -9.00 0.25
UK Smaller Cos 168.00 179.70 +0.20 1.54
European 79.02 84.67 -0.12 0.24
Japanese Growth 43.59 46.43 -0.23 ..
Managed Pflolio 70.48 75.25 -0.52 1.36
High Income 201.70 215.70 -2.90 3.77

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 400, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066
M & S Inv Pflolio 158.90 166.90r -0.77 1.68
-do- Accum 177.10 186.30r -0.77 1.68
UK Sel Pflolio 134.50 143.00r -0.63 1.84
-do- Accum 153.30 163.10r -0.63 1.84

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 842
Managed Tst 70.49 74.98 . . 3.13

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646
Intl Income 79.75 84.66r -0.44 3.52
European 84.85 90.05 +0.28 0.42
Income & Growth 82.85 87.95 -0.39 2.40
Nth American 61.62 65.41 -0.22 0.07
Far East 178.30 189.30 -6.80 ...
Charifer 126.80 134.40 -0.80 3.50
Japan 52.58 55.82 +0.19 ...
Emging Mkts 128.40 137.30 -3.50 0.13
Intl Growth 112.10 119.00 -1.20 0.10
UK Growth 88.41 93.85 -0.04 1.68

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing: 071 280 2060
American 208.60 221.70r -0.60 ...
(Accum Units) 222.90 236.90r -0.60 ...
American Opps 91.70 97.91 -0.23 ..
(Accum Units) 92.94 99.14 -0.23 ..
British Blue Chip 83.31 88.72 +1.30 2.84
(Accum Units) 100.30 106.60 -1.50 2.84
Cash 101.00 101.00 .. 5.04
(Accum Units) 132.60 132.60 .. 5.04
Emerging Mkts 136.20 146.40 -1.20 ...
European Growth 245.80 260.60 -1.00 0.61
(Accum Units) 264.70 280.50 -1.20 0.61
European Income 85.34 90.42r -0.32 2.20
(Accum Units) 111.80 118.30r -0.40 2.20
General 542.50 576.70 -6.20 2.09
(Accum Units) 1038 1107 -12.00 2.09
Global Bond 135.00 142.00 -0.20 5.81
(Accum Units) 155.50 163.50 -0.40 5.81
Gold & General 206.40 219.80 -1.20 0.43
(Accum Units) 209.00 224.70 -1.20 0.43
Govt Securities 103.00 106.10r +0.10 6.70
(Accum Units) 190.80 196.70 +0.10 6.70
Income 164.80 174.60r -1.80 3.90
(Accum Units) 245.40 261.20r -2.60 3.90
International 452.40 482.40 -3.10 0.58
(Accum Units) 604.20 644.30r -6.00 0.58
Japan 180.80 191.80r +1.00 ...
(Accum Units) 185.60 196.80r +0.90 ...
New Europe 177.30 189.10 -0.40 1.37
(Accum Units) 180.20 192.20 -0.40 1.37
Pacific 139.50 148.80 -9.90 0.56
(Accum Units) 148.40 158.30 -10.40 0.56
Recovery 338.10 360.60 +0.80 2.49
(Accum Units) 428.70 457.30 -1.10 2.49
UK Smaller Cos 59.36 63.32 -1.40 1.72
(Accum Units) 66.65 71.09 -1.59 1.72
Portfolio 85.02 90.42 -1.62 2.50
(Accum Units) 97.59 103.70 -1.90 2.50

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 233
Eurogrowth Plus 115.53 122.90 -0.63 0.84
Ind Strategy 65.40 69.57r -1.00 0.66
UK Income Inc 82.35 87.59 -0.97 5.56

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966
International (US$) 13.03 14.14 ... ...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123
American Gwth 305.50 324.90r -1.80 ...
European Gth Inc 368.30 392.60r +1.30 ...
Intl Gwth 195.60 209.30 -2.10 ...
UK Equity Inc 183.80 196.10 -0.70 3.43
UK Ind Trckr Inc 168.20 179.70 -1.50 2.70
US Eq Ind Trk Inc 202.30 214.40 -1.30 1.33
Japan Tracker 71.51 75.72 +0.21 ...
Asian Trader 241.90 261.30r -13.10 0.37
Managed Inc 149.70 161.00 -0.90 1.58
Deposit Inc 99.91 99.91r +0.01 5.27
Europa 172.60 185.50 +1.90 ...
Genesis 155.60 167.90 +0.60 ...
High Income 23.95 25.45 -0.20 10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 953
Acumen 98.78 102.00 ... 2.03
Acumen Inc 96.05 98.15 ... 2.03
Acumen Reserve 90.47 91.59r ... 6.49
-do- Inc 82.52 83.35r ... 6.49
American Income 181.30 186.10 ... 1.36
Cash Income 49.90 50.40 ... 4.57
Equity Income 106.50 109.50r ... 4.15
European 73.99 75.33 ... 0.89
Smaller Cos 80.47 84.01 ... 0.91
Olympiad 70.44 72.32 ... 0.05
Global Bond 50.33 50.88 ... 5.75
UK Growth 95.46 98.15 ... 1.57
Pacific Growth 127.90 132.50 ... ...
Japan Growth 93.16 94.82 ... ...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Avon Equity 125.25 133.24r -1.55 2.70

NM UNIT TRUST MGRS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd,
Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695
Dlg: 0705 882 680
NM Managed Portfolio Service
Cap Gth Inc Inc 111.70 118.80 -0.30 1.70
Opps Cap Gth Inc 113.90 121.10 -0.10 1.90
NM Unit Trusts
American 45.68 48.72 -0.39 1.13
Australian 345.70 370.90 -3.90 ...
Conscience 71.98 76.81r -0.04 1.19
European 199.40 212.10 -2.20 0.74
Extra Income 81.79 87.28r -0.44 5.08
Gilt & FI 64.12 67.67 ... 5.63
Gold 64.96 69.84 +0.20 ...
Income 59.95 63.94r -0.38 4.42
Intnl 33.21 35.51 -0.60 0.60
Jap Smaller Cos 316.30 337.30 +2.70 ...
Sing & Malaysian 250.80 268.90 -23.50 ...
Smaller Cos 30.11 32.37 +0.04 0.66
Special Sits 38.45 41.34 -0.16 1.69
Sterling Deposit 100.20 100.20r ... 4.75
Tokyo 78.08 83.28 -0.27 ...
UK Equity 184.90 197.20r -1.00 2.12
US Smaller Cos 114.30 122.20 -0.40 ...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5932
UK Growth 78.20 83.20 -0.65 1.84
UK Income 117.50 125.10r -0.90 3.17
Gilt & Fixed Int 83.85 88.74 +0.02 5.63
Higher Income 234.10 249.10r -0.80 4.21
Smaller Cos 84.00 89.37 +0.23 1.34
International 102.50 109.10 -1.60 1.41

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200
American Dist 112.20 120.00r -0.40 ...
European Dist 105.63 112.97 -1.45 ...
Far East Dist 179.00 191.40 -4.40 ...
Global Care Dist 73.20 78.29r -0.17 1.97
Oseas Dist 1009.2 1079.4 -18.40 0.30
UK Dist 362.00 387.20 -3.00 2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist 80.47 86.06 -0.18 3.78
Wwide Dist 103.22 110.39 -1.15 ...
Wwide Inc Dist 71.42 76.39 -0.90 2.13

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 396
Europe Inc 60.14 63.47 -0.49 0.41
Fund of Funds Inc 59.03 62.30r -0.62 0.61
North America Inc 51.81 54.68 -0.26 0.27
UK Equity Grth Inc 61.66 65.08 -0.35 1.69
UK General Inc 60.89 64.26 -0.44 1.96
UK Gilt/Ftz Int Inc 32.96 33.79r +0.06 6.04
UK Income Inc 62.13 65.57 -0.36 2.42

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000
Income 239.47 254.70r -1.48 3.20
Global 356.30 379.05 -3.37 1.04
General 198.03 210.66r -1.56 1.17
Bond 133.90 142.22r -0.28 6.03
Growth 129.65 137.93 -0.73 1.55
Intrepid 125.77 131.02 ... 1.70

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 234
Master Trust 126.37 134.44 -1.50 1.23
UK Equity 148.76 157.62 -1.41 2.70
UK Equity Income 142.49 151.59r -1.15 3.58
UK Smaller Cos 125.42 133.43r +0.20 1.49
UK Equity Growth 136.20 144.89 -0.92 2.37
UK Index Trckg 149.04 158.55 -1.00 2.99
Intl Index Trckg 141.84 150.89 -1.09 1.02
International 233.75 248.67 -4.20 0.66
European 179.99 191.49 -1.35 0.47
Pan European 128.88 137.11r -1.61 1.37
Nth American 163.79 174.24 -1.56 0.54
N Amer Smlr Cos 182.85 194.52r -1.11 ...
Japanese 88.15 93.78r +0.25 ...
Pacific 245.44 261.11r -10.24 0.40
South East Asian 275.81 293.41 -15.05 0.84
Intl Bond 141.08 150.09 -0.26 4.13
Gilt & Convertible 116.39 123.82r +0.05 7.75
Property 80.54 85.68r -0.23 5.87

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough
PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470
Equity 238.00 253.20r ... 1.97
Growth 162.40 170.90 ... 2.15
Income 258.70 275.10 ... 2.96
Intl Equity 251.80 267.50 ... 0.60
UK Income 70.91 75.43 ... 2.56
UK Intl 25 81.83 87.05 ... 1.53
New Europe 73.30 77.97 ... 0.37

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000
Intl Gwth 602.20 644.07 -11.31 0.04
Income 361.84 387.00 -2.61 2.63
Wwide Recovery 374.69 400.53 -4.24 0.25
Amer Growth Inc 232.08 248.22 -1.26 0.01
Intl Emerging Cos 253.80 271.45 -6.15 0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc 298.95 319.74r -10.12 0.01
Euro Gwth Inc 139.79 149.51r -1.97 0.59
UK Growth Inc 91.87 98.26 -0.61 2.32
High Income 99.20 106.10r -0.79 3.89
Jap Gwth Inc 207.20 220.39 +0.32 0.01
PEP Growth 120.62 129.01 -1.80 0.88
Asian Str Mkts Inc 142.99 152.94r -12.02 0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc 140.51 150.28 -0.55 0.01
Global Bond 64.92 68.44 -0.06 5.11
UK Smaller Cos Inc 80.19 83.77 -0.10 1.30

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966
American 108.69 115.84 +0.36 ..
European 69.02 73.48 +0.29 0.26
Global 70.47 74.97r -0.23 ...
Pacific 70.46 74.96 -0.30 0.05
UK Inc & Grth 67.36 71.66 +0.02 1.90

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 590 540
SRI Director Digs 105.60 112.66 +0.02 ...

PORTFOLIO TRUST MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966
Portfolio 104.22 107.57r .. 0.63

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721
Monthly Income 61.40 65.08 -0.74 1.90
Growth Income 61.34 65.02 -0.19 1.30

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 700
Principal Tst 140.49 149.46 -1.44 1.84

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443
American Income 99.66 106.00 -0.70 2.69
Conv & Gilt 125.50 133.50 -0.10 5.22
European Income 77.23 82.18 -0.87 2.32
Extra Income 162.30 172.50r -0.90 3.48
Far East 414.50 440.90 -7.20 0.21
Global Income 29.41 31.29 -0.17 3.06
High Income 123.50 131.30 -1.60 3.21
International 214.80 228.50 -3.10 0.76
Pref & Fxd Int 48.51 49.48 ... 6.78
Recovery 83.24 88.55 +0.02 1.65
Special Sits 110.90 117.80r -0.80 1.43
Technology 342.90 364.80r -2.90 ...
UK Blue Chip 71.99 76.50 -0.48 2.53

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751
General 55.90 59.47r -0.50 2.56
International 94.25 100.22 -0.45 0.48
Gilt 28.69 30.58 ... 6.56
Income & Gwth 79.08 84.13 -1.04 3.46
European 51.55 54.84 -0.41 1.17
American 55.23 58.76 -0.34 0.03
Emerging Mkts 102.70 109.25 -2.73 0.40
UK Smaller Cos 32.76 34.85 -0.05 1.55
Gilt/Fixed Interest 28.75 30.58r -0.10 5.22
Global PEP 41.38 44.02 -0.67 1.42

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 888
European Inc 242.30 259.10 -0.40 0.72
Japan Inc 94.42 100.20 +0.90 ...
Nth American Inc 114.80 123.30 -1.30 0.12
Worldwide Inc 165.80 178.70 -0.80 0.69
Hong Kong Inc 180.40 195.00 -7.30 0.82
Swiss Equities Inc 67.81 72.36 -0.56 0.33
Wwide Bond Inc 67.14 71.31 +0.11 6.20
Emging Asia Inc 213.10 232.30r -9.20 0.38
UK Money Mkt Inc 50.37 51.40 ... 5.36
Thailand Inc 149.90 163.50 -10.20 0.82
Gold Trust Inc 92.26 99.36 -0.58 0.16
New Zealand Inc 90.61 98.02 -0.90 0.47
Int Mngd PEP Inc 67.09 72.51 -0.32 3.68
Latin Am Cmp Inc 92.30 98.89r -2.01 0.09
UK All Sh Mktr Inc 62.18 66.86 -0.53 1.92
Le Fond Francais 72.35 77.77 -0.86 0.39
Broker Unit Trusts
Global Trusters 79.30 84.81 +0.16 1.51
Global Portfolio 72.64 77.69 -0.11 ...
Global Opps 71.84 76.83 +0.03 0.43
Marsh Global Grth 71.22 75.89 -1.30 1.78
AAM Global Equity 62.22 66.19 -0.31 0.72
CAM Brit Gwth Inc 91.03 99.14 -0.66 0.91
CAM Brit Inc Inc 47.57 51.55r -0.20 1.94
CAM Intl Recvy Inc 51.56 55.02r -0.83 0.92
Temple Equity Inc 49.22 53.75r -0.90 2.98
Hanley Growth 79.67 84.76 -0.07 1.22
Intl Growth Inc 80.63 86.24 ... 1.50
IPS Portfolio Inc 89.06 95.25r ... 0.23
St Jms Mn Inc Inc 51.69 54.00r -0.39 ...
Premier Parbas Inc 73.41 78.51r +0.25 0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth 77.29 82.66 -0.24 0.74
Tech Analysis 110.60 111.70 -1.10 0.77
Rosebery Growth 49.55 52.58 -0.35 ...
International Strat 80.83 86.45 -0.12 ...
UPC Ind-Act Grth 58.48 62.49 -0.17 ...
Coverdale Topout 54.55 58.50 -0.15 ...
Prem Equity Inc 99.41 105.90 -0.40 ...
Lowes Intl Growth 47.81 50.53 -0.08 ...

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3903
Equity Gth 170.40 181.30 -0.10 1.50
European Gth 95.62 101.20 +0.43 0.44
Income & Gth 143.60 152.80 -0.90 2.54
Japan Gth 114.90 121.60 +0.90 ...
Nth Amer Gth 119.50 127.10 -0.20 ...
Overseas Gth 88.15 93.73 -0.30 ...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 CBest Enq: 071 911 4480 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricefonis: 0426 925 091
Managed Tst 36.80 39.35 -0.44 1.46
Cash Haven Inc 101.49 101.98 +0.01 4.19
Cash Haven Acc 107.64 108.17 +0.01 4.19
Global Growth 91.81 98.19 -0.24 0.82
Equity Inc 90.23 96.50 -0.75 3.42
Equity 765.00 818.18 -6.79 2.29
European 207.41 221.82 -2.31 0.79
High Income 96.59 103.29 -0.66 3.12
Intl Grth 183.19 195.93 -1.57 0.92
Intl Sm Co 79.43 84.95 -0.62 0.28
Japanese 186.89 199.98 +0.49 ...
Nth Amer 162.85 174.27 -1.44 0.69
Pacific Mkts 109.71 117.33 -5.15 0.71
Premier Inc 53.64 55.89 +0.04 5.23
Sm Cos 93.12 99.59 +0.33 2.05
Spec Sits 114.91 122.89 -1.07 2.14
UK Growth 127.95 136.84 -1.20 2.00

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033
British Life 327.00 346.90 -2.60 2.64
Reliance Inc 177.60 188.90 -0.60 1.79

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2655
Managed 101.60 107.80r +0.90 1.81

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5000
FA America (Inc) 327.49 351.74 -2.55 0.82
FA America (Acc) 614.66 654.60 -2.97 0.82
FA UK Equity Inc 177.66 189.60 -1.72 3.00
FA Japan 254.03 270.56 -0.49 ...
FA Major UK Cos 105.49 110.40r -1.32 2.02
FA Smllr UK Cos 303.22 328.93 +0.50 1.04
FA European 309.47 327.61 -1.22 0.62
FA Amer Smllr Cos 46.65 49.97 -0.19 ...
FA Asia 57.42 61.55 -2.68 ...
FA Jap Smllr Cos 48.10 51.34 +0.89 ...
RAM Personal Pension
UK Major Cos 101.38 106.71 -1.27 ...
UK Smllr Cos 85.59 90.09 +0.14 ...
UK Income 101.84 107.19 -0.97 ...
America 105.20 110.73 -0.50 ...
Japanese 55.64 58.56 -0.11 ...
European 98.49 103.28 -0.99 ...
Gilt 91.49 96.30 -0.25 ...
Deposit 79.09 83.25 +0.01 ...
Managed 103.68 109.13 -1.15 ...
RAM FSAVC Scheme
UK Major Cos 98.96 104.16 -1.25 ...
UK Smaller Cos 83.84 88.24 +0.12 ...
UK Income 99.61 104.87 -0.94 ...
America 102.67 108.02 -0.49 ...
Japanese 54.31 57.16 -0.11 ...
European 95.62 100.86 -0.98 ...
Gilt 90.12 94.85 +0.17 ...
Deposit 75.66 79.64 +0.01 ...
Managed 98.41 103.58 -1.00 ...

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 6UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 398 000
United States 73.99 78.94 -0.52 0.11
Pacific Basin 81.67 87.67 -1.86 ...
High Inc Dist 136.90 146.40 -1.00 4.15
Ryl Life Int Cnry 64.36 68.44 -0.20 3.29
Ryl Life Intl Gwth 67.34 71.92 -0.48 0.33
Ryl Life Intl Spec 62.89 66.89 -0.61 ...
UK Emerging Cos 121.70 131.50 +0.10 1.43
UK Index Trckg 171.60 182.90 -1.10 2.99
European 120.40 129.20 -0.10 0.30
Managed 145.60 156.60 -0.80 0.82

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 764 400
American Growth 151.40 160.30r +0.10 0.38
European Growth 107.10 113.20 +0.40 0.72
Far East Growth 152.80 162.60r -2.90 ...
Japan Growth 137.50 146.20 +0.10 ...
Special Sits 204.40 217.40 -1.50 1.20
UK Growth 81.25 86.43r -0.47 1.64
Triton General 240.80 256.30 +0.70 0.28

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
250 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 307 6000
Far East Inc 189.60 200.60 -10.70 0.40
Gtr Euro Prog Inc 326.60 345.60 +0.60 0.46
Growth Inc 124.80 132.10 -0.20 0.07
International Inc 322.60 341.40 +0.80 ...
Nth Am & Intl Inc 323.10 341.90 +1.10 0.47
PEP Prog Inc 211.50 223.80 -0.60 0.64
UK High Inc Inc 144.30 152.70 -1.00 3.22

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ
071 330 0522
American Gwth 65.98 70.19 -0.20 1.00
Amer Smllr Cos 82.05 87.29 -0.47 ...
Asian Gwth 124.37 132.31 -6.74 1.25
European Gwth 70.92 75.03r +0.64 1.50
Global Bd 63.55 67.13 +0.09 6.00
Global Eq 68.05 72.40r -0.27 0.50
Japanese Eq 55.79 59.35 +0.20 ...
Japan Smr Cos 65.64 69.83 +0.49 ...
UK Gen 57.96 61.66 +0.07 3.00
UK Gwth 62.44 66.43r -0.09 2.90

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966
Amer Inc & Gwth 73.11 77.78 -0.33 3.53
Amer Smllr Cos 110.30 117.30 -0.60 ...
Asian Smaller Cos 64.45 68.56 -4.39 ...
Capital Portfolio 138.50 147.30 -2.10 1.63
Capital 171.70 182.70r -2.10 0.95
Cash 121.50 121.50r ... 5.09
China Dragon 77.59 82.54 -3.12 0.82
Commodity 141.80 150.80 -1.30 0.52
Eastern Discovery 123.10 131.00 -4.30 ...
Energy Inds 133.30 150.10 +0.30 0.29
European Gwth 192.00 204.30 +0.90 0.65
Euro Inc & Gwth 79.72 84.81 +0.31 1.55
Euro Smllr Cos 51.81 55.12r +0.24 0.51
Financial Secs 209.00 222.30r -2.50 1.05
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 54.99 58.07 -0.06 7.31
Gold & Exploration 91.27 97.10 -0.57 0.26
High Return 242.80 258.40r -1.80 3.17
High Yield 239.60 254.90 -1.90 3.24
Income 129.60 137.90 -0.80 3.96
Intl Bond 177.30 182.60 -0.10 5.01
ITU 225.00 239.40 -4.10 0.53
Japan Growth 156.70 166.70 +1.60 ...
Japan Smaller 180.00 191.50 +0.20 ...
Korea 82.11 87.35 -0.05 ...
Masterfund 56.02 59.60r -0.22 0.76
Scotbits 314.20 334.30r -3.80 0.85
Scotshares 301.40 320.60r -3.30 1.66
Scotyields 256.20 272.50 -3.30 3.43
Select Intl 150.40 160.00 -1.10 0.52
Smaller Cos Inc 257.80 274.30 +0.70 3.37
SE Asia 679.60 723.00 -43.30 ...
Special Situation 127.70 135.90 -1.30 0.57
UK Equity 259.10 275.60 -2.70 2.37
UK Growth 67.37 71.67 -0.72 1.41
UK Smllr Cos Gwth 48.18 51.26 +0.26 1.04
US Growth 151.50 161.20 -0.50 0.06
Univ Growth 151.20 160.90 -1.20 0.34

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St
EC4V 4EJ Client 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3880
Retail Funds
American 255.55 271.80 -1.77 0.23
Australian ... ...
European Gwth 73.29 78.05r -1.26 0.65
Euro Smllr Cos 69.89 74.52r -0.75 0.13
Far Eastern Gth 101.07 107.80 -5.25 ...
Gilt & Fixed Int 59.04 62.22 -0.01 6.60
Global Bond 54.44 56.24r -0.36 5.05
Global Emer Mkts 62.65 66.63 -1.26 ...
Income 375.70 402.74 -3.67 3.30
Japan Smllr Cos 446.63 476.40r +1.04 ...
Japan Enterprise 64.65 68.74 -0.32 ...
Pacific Gwth 143.43 152.09 -10.59 ...
Seoul 54.38 58.21r -0.50 ...
Smaller Cos 219.36 233.98r -0.34 0.60
Tokyo 110.07 117.34 +0.21 ...
UK Enterprise 252.09 268.89r -3.08 1.97
UK Equity 249.88 266.53r -2.96 2.38
US Smllr Cos 153.38 163.60 -0.90 ...
World Fd 83.12 88.66 -1.05 1.73
Institutional Funds
European 232.97 242.67 -1.26 1.10
Euro Smllr Cos 28.74 29.93r +0.03 1.53
Global Equity Inc 76.80 80.00 -0.42 0.69
Japan Smllr Cos 33.84 35.24r -0.14 0.09
Mngd Balanced 191.91 199.90 -2.22 2.54
Overseas Equity 185.46 193.19r -2.42 0.60
Oseas Smllr Cos 121.20 126.25 -1.24 0.29
Pacific 273.24 284.62 -13.27 0.69
Recovery 1962.6 2065.4 -11.20 2.36
UK Index 161.67 168.40r -1.89 2.84
UK Small Cos 120.00 125.00 +0.08 2.45
US Smllr Cos 43.73 45.55 -0.17 0.17

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2280
Equity Income 54.18 57.70 -0.54 3.02
Equity Trust 62.88 66.96 -0.39 3.85
Equity Strategy 70.94 75.55 -0.09 0.64
European Opps 86.36 91.97 -0.44 0.22
UK Smaller Cos 65.00 69.22 +0.30 1.42
Maximum Income 96.67 102.24 +0.08 4.99
Japanese 70.24 74.81 +0.86 ...
Asia Pacific 148.31 154.98 -7.53 1.40
American 108.79 115.86 -0.53 0.36

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422
Cash 28.81 28.81 ... 4.287
UK General Inc 55.45 59.15 -0.47 2.20
Intl Income 290.00 309.00 -7.30 2.72
European 73.89 78.22r -0.53 1.39
Japan 64.64 68.89r -0.67 0.10
American 69.20 73.54 -0.24 1.80
Far East 98.71 105.29 -4.91 0.16
Ethical Inc 32.12 34.25 -0.11 1.68
UK Blue Chip Inc 35.25 37.70 -0.38 2.56
High Inc Inc 39.86 42.73r -0.29 3.12
UK Global Inc 41.85 44.36 -0.35 1.20
Wwide Tact 77.99 83.42 -1.16 0.22
Europe 2000 Tact 50.62 53.74 -0.18 0.99
Technology 100.86 107.38 -0.61 0.36

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211
UK Equity 402.00 429.10 -3.50 2.36
American 278.40 296.50 +0.40 0.75
Pacific 405.00 433.20 -12.70 0.50
European 536.60 572.90 -6.90 0.76
Worldwide 97.71 104.30 -0.90 0.99

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100
UK Equity Inc 287.10 305.90r -3.60 2.05
UK 50 Co Ix Inc 209.60 223.00 -2.20 1.46
Select Opprtnty Inc 71.66 76.65 -0.40 1.12
Income Plus Inc 76.46 81.35 -1.00 3.42
European Inc 351.30 371.80 -2.30 1.35
Far Eastern Inc 188.30 200.40 -10.70 1.07
Japanese Inc 59.98 63.81 +0.45 ...
Nth American Inc 256.80 273.20 -0.30 0.18
Intl Growth Inc 213.30 226.00r -3.20 0.67
Wwide Ventures Inc 84.16 89.54 -1.50 1.22

SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2549
Equity Growth Inc 25.34 27.12 -0.26 2.51
Intl Growth Inc 32.02 34.32 -0.24 0.67
Market Leaders Inc 24.49 26.21 -0.32 2.47

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031 655 3724
Equity Inc 396.90 423.30 -3.20 2.75
UK High Inc 206.00 219.70 -1.00 3.44
Europe Inc 335.80 358.10 +0.80 0.75
Nth Amer Inc 220.40 235.10 -0.40 0.04
Global Inc 216.40 230.80 -1.20 1.01
UK Spec Sits Inc 110.80 117.90 -0.70 2.92
South East Asia 236.20 252.00 -17.60 2.21
Cash Trust Inc 100.40 100.40 ... 4.65
UK Smllr Cos Inc 110.30 117.70 +0.40 1.77
Intl Bond Inc 101.30 107.60 +0.20 5.66

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Sector Recovery 168.20 176.70 +0.90 3.77

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
European 126.40 133.10r -1.40 1.40
Nth American 107.20 112.80r ... 0.93
Intl Bond & Conv 139.10 146.40 -0.60 4.73
Pooled Pension (£) 193.80 207.30 -0.30 ...
Smaller Cos 69.93 73.61 -2.22 2.04
UK General 138.10 145.40r +0.90 2.89

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966
Income 454.10 483.09 -4.44 3.82
Global Inc 71.59 76.16 -0.54 2.46
Brit Leaders 357.06 379.85 -3.51 2.12
Intl Leaders 219.00 232.98 -2.57 0.58
FAM Mg Bal Grth 97.40 103.00 -0.99 0.91

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226
European‡ 116.80 ... -1.70 ...
Global Bond‡ 108.80 ... ... 6.85
Samurai‡ 85.18 ... -0.06 ...
UK Growth‡ 114.40 ... -1.00 3.46
Tai Pan‡ 111.40 ... -4.90 ...

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377
American 300.50 317.90r +2.40 0.43
Canadian 86.14 91.15 +0.69 0.17
Capital 144.00 154.50 -1.30 1.01
Cash 101.31 101.31 +0.01 4.90
European 135.60 143.40 +0.30 0.28
Far Eastern 180.10 190.60 -3.20 ...
Growth 156.70 165.70 -2.40 0.93
Income 140.40 148.50 -0.70 4.14
Magnum 153.00 164.20 -1.30 1.01
Smllr Secs 386.30 408.80 -2.10 0.42
Thoroughbred 177.50 190.60 -1.30 0.91

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 427
Cash 49.89 50.39 ... 4.45
Charifd Prfrmnce 63.00 67.20 +0.02 7.20
Ethical 61.73 65.67 -0.43 3.00
European Growth 73.08 77.95 -0.70 2.10
Income 60.90 64.95 -0.35 4.90
Intl Growth 97.59 104.10 -0.90 2.40
Managed 83.40 88.96 -0.74 3.00
UK Growth 66.47 70.90 -0.50 3.40

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777
Managed Acc 52.83 56.14 -0.30 1.16
UK Equity Gth Acc 75.09 79.79 -0.60 0.94
-do- High Inc Inc 41.63 44.24 -0.40 2.71
-do- High Inc Acc 49.99 53.12 -0.50 2.71
UK Equity Gen Acc 65.70 69.81 -0.50 1.71
UK Equity Gen Inc 49.52 52.62 -0.40 1.71
UK Lrgr Co Acc 452.10 480.60 -3.70 3.01
UK Lrgr Co Inc 343.00 372.20 -2.40 3.01
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 34.77 36.77 -0.10 5.40
Oseas Lrg Co Acc 306.70 332.80 -0.50 1.16
Nth American Acc 46.55 49.46 +0.20 0.49
Far East Acc 69.26 73.59 -0.80 0.05
European Acc 50.50 53.66 +0.20 0.36

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7808
Global A (N25) 3.934 4.177 -0.061 1.25
US Eqts (US$) 2.342 2.489 +0.053 0.84
Far East Eqts (yen) 239.20 254.10 +4.40 ...
Japan Eqties (yen) 240.30 255.30 +7.90 ...
FT Europe 131.30 139.40 -0.50 1.73
FT N Amer (US$) 1.803 1.911 +0.028 1.24
FT Japan (yen) 228.60 242.80 +6.50 ...
FT Asia Exjap (US$) 2.620 2.787 -0.348 0.73

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271
American 373.10 396.80 ... 0.06
British 1088.8 1152.0 -3.20 3.15
Emging Mkts 167.90 178.40 -2.30 0.20
European 508.20 540.30 +0.20 1.00
Japan 148.10 157.10 +0.70 ...
New Pacific 419.20 446.40 -10.60 0.72
Investment Tst 241.50 256.00 -3.60 0.95
Mngd Equity 183.30 193.90 -1.00 1.34
Mngd Cash 95.47 95.47r ... 4.50
Majority Stg 99.69 100.68r ... 4.35

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389
Equity 869.80 930.10r -15.60 2.30
North America 132.00 141.30r -0.60 0.24
Far East 156.80 167.70r -10.20 ...
Wwide Bond 63.59 67.51 -0.15 5.07
European 102.90 110.10 -1.20 ...
Equity Income 99.16 106.10r -1.60 3.18
Portfolio 89.85 96.10 -1.27 0.46
UK Leading Cos 62.24 66.21 -0.64 2.69
Broker Trusts
Intnl Equity 70.82 75.74 -0.08 ...

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725
American Growth 36.70 39.30 -000.13 0.43
Managed Assets 136.00 145.40r -000.01 2.26
UK Income 42.50 45.40r -000.58 2.50
UK Growth 41.90 44.80 -000.47 1.87
Worldwide Growth 35.40 37.80 -000.24 0.39

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD
Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010
Master Portfolio 51.32 54.89 -0.10 ...
Cap Protector Inc 45.31 48.46 -0.30 2.20
UK Income Inc 56.03 59.93r -0.33 2.51
Mngd Extra Inc Inc 34.25 36.60r -0.28 3.37
Mngd High Yld Inc 85.97 91.95 -0.35 3.45
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc 81.68 87.36 -0.48 2.48
Mngd Wwide Gth 38.36 41.03 -0.09 ...
UK Smaller Cos 35.89 38.38 +0.04 1.45
Pacific Grth Port 50.00 53.48 -3.35 ...

SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Equity Dist 584.10 618.10r -4.50 2.14
Fixed Int Dist 128.40 133.10r +0.10 6.88
UK Indx Trck Dist 138.90 147.00r -1.10 2.64

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE
0264 346 794
American 228.94 243.55 -1.48 ...
Brit Growth 101.23 107.69 -0.93 1.65
European 107.61 114.48 -0.97 0.28
Extra Income 218.56 232.51 -1.41 3.53
Smaller Cos 76.07 80.92 +0.05 0.97
General 308.86 328.57r -2.80 2.05
Premier Income 57.77 60.18 -0.02 5.32
Income 375.99 399.99 -3.06 3.24
Pacific 430.49 457.96 -12.30 ...
International 563.33 599.29 -11.28 0.11
Nat Resources 184.00 195.74 -0.76 ...
Spcal Opps 116.02 123.43 -0.69 1.21
Environmental Inv 66.30 70.53 +0.24 1.49
Selector 67.93 72.26 -0.45 1.97
High Income 72.36 76.98 -0.46 3.85
Intl Income 64.23 68.33 -0.02 4.22
Selector Income 67.84 72.17 -0.31 4.59

TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355
British 354.50 373.10 -1.10 2.47

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA
031 228 3932
Glob Growth Inc 202.85 216.95 -1.36 1.72
Glob Balncd Inc 174.86 187.02 -0.75 2.83
Value Tst Inc 121.61 130.07 -0.97 1.20

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001
Amer Smllr Cos 69.40 74.02 -0.90 ...
European Opps 70.13 74.48 -1.72 0.40
Dresdner Eur Bd 44.61 46.87 +0.13 8.09
Japan Tst 80.43 85.74 +0.02 ...
Little Dragons 113.61 121.18 -7.51 0.38
Oriental Income 50.13 53.47 -1.54 4.63
Tiger 317.76 338.94 -16.16 0.47
UK Blue Chip 68.00 72.59r -0.59 2.72
UK Smllr Cos 101.87 108.95 -0.12 1.85
Formerly Allsa
Nth Amer Gwth 229.63 244.28r -1.16 0.04
European Growth 278.38 295.49 -0.41 0.85
Exempt 571.28 596.64r -4.05 3.21
Far Eastern 479.84 510.47 -19.16 0.87
UK High Yield 113.50 120.74r -0.74 3.17
Iberian Growth 48.28 51.36 -0.03 ...
Intl Growth 111.26 118.29 -0.93 1.04
Preference 131.58 139.95 +0.02 7.72
UK Recovery 277.35 295.05 -1.26 2.12
UK Smlr Cos Div 103.82 110.44r +0.31 4.40
Smaller Cos 265.11 282.03 +1.37 1.18
UK Growth 544.12 578.85r -3.67 2.05

WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GJ
071 955 5085
Exempt 371.70 391.30 ... 2.01

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551
Australasian Gold 31.08 33.06 +0.19 0.50
Pacific Basin 41.82 44.48 -1.26 0.60
Can Balncd Gwth 37.71 40.11 -0.62 ...
Global Bond (US$) 0.9648 1.005 +0.001 5.78
Penny Share 28.46 30.48 -0.10 1.30

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462
Challenger 106.50 109.00 ... ...
Short Dtd Gilt 116.20 117.30 ... ...
UK Gov Bd (US$) 0.7227 0.7338 ... 2.27
Gilt Income 56.58 58.67r -0.04 6.25
Gilt Growth 79.06 82.20 -0.03 ...
City Reserve 51.86 51.88r -0.02 4.56

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 Watling Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000
Stockmarket Fd 81.31 86.49 -0.70 1.47

Source: Finstat
= Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); r Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

THEATRE
CINEMA Geoff Br
Honey
to the
Silent mas
the power o
David Rob
Sting



THEATRE page 34
Kit and the Widow sharpen their skewers for another lampooning of the Establishment

ARTS

TELEVISION page 35
Eliot's Middlemarch on television: upholding the best traditions of the BBC classic serial



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** finds much-needed relief from *Undercover Blues* in the intelligence of Jarmusch and Resnais

Honey, I shrunk to the infantile

This was to have been the week when we critics dug our teeth into Macaulay Culkin trying to act evil in *The Good Son*. But the murder of James Bulger gave the British Board of Film Classification pause. Was this the right time to release a slick but unattractive film about a nasty 12-year-old with a habit of murdering siblings? Clearly not.

So we must wait to maul the little brat and seek out different prey among the new releases. Like **Undercover Blues**. Certainly there is nothing here to make the BBFC sit up: the violent highlights of this action comedy are always staged with a bloodless flourish that leaves real pain far behind and brings to mind director Herbert Ross's background in dance.

Unfortunately, there is nothing to make anyone else sit up either. Dennis Quaid and Kathleen Turner are married FBI spies on maternity leave, yanked back to work with cute baby in tow (the draft title was *Cloak and Diaper*). Their adversary is Fiona Shaw's red-haired vamp, stealer of experimental explosives.

But why bother with the plot when the film itself cares so little? It is jokes that matter here: old, tired, repetitive jokes made to appear brighter than they are by strenuous pummelling from the cast and the spicy setting of New Orleans, America's gift to lazy film-makers who know their material needs baling out.

The sum total, I suppose, is no worse than the flimsiest comedy thrillers made in the wake of the *Thin Man* films during the 1930s and 1940s. But those you can watch painlessly on television. Here you must go into the cold and fork out good money to see Turner overdoing the action woman, Quaid pushing his bumptious charm too far, and two cops (one with a lisp) getting stuck, ha ha, in a door. The price is too high.

Hear No Evil sells audiences shorter still, not to mention poor Marlee Matlin, who steps down from the Oscar-winning heights of *Children of a Lesser God* for an unpleasant potboiler shot in Oregon. An investigative journalist secretes a stolen coin in his deaf personal trainer's bleeper. If the film had any wit, Matlin's disability would become a weapon in the battles that follow; but deafness only makes this damsel in distress more of a cliché than ever.

The luckless cast also includes good guy D.B. Sweeney and Martin Sheen as a corrupt but musical cop ("Sergeant, turn it up, it's one of my favourite arias"). The flaccid direction is by Robert Greenwald, already revered by bad movie buffs for the Olivia Newton-John musical *Xanadu*.

With Hollywood failing to deliver this week, the hopeful critic turns to **Friends**: something worthy, set in South Africa, and directed by a woman.

But disappointments fall thick and fast, and Elaine Proctor's second feature after her acclaimed graduation film *On the Wire* never quite extracts the interesting film buried inside its material.

One major obstacle is Proctor's script, which captures the frenzy of Johannesburg at the end of the 1980s, but does a poor job juggling the characters' lives. There are three of these friends, yet the deep bonds that tie them must be imagined. All we know is that white, upper-class revolutionary Sophie, black teacher Thoko, and Afrikaner archaeologist Aninka are pals from university.

Sophie herself is a headache. Shrill and flighty, this upper-class anti-apartheid activist who tends library books by day and plants bombs by night openly invites bad acting. Kerry Fox, encouraged no doubt by Proctor's fondness for the overwrought effect, readily obliges.

Once an airport explosion kills two civilians, Sophie gives herself up and receives rough prison treatment while the bonds of friendship break. Here, in theory, is the nub of the film, but with the unlikable heroine, the strident tone and disjointed script, we take things to heart far less than we should. Fringe benefits of this frustrating film include the versatile camerawork by Dominique Chapius and Rachel Portman's eloquent score.

After that disappointment, why not go Dutch? Alex van Warmerdam's eccentric comedy **The Northerners** brings a breath of fresh air. Where else will you find St Francis materialising in the bedroom of a butcher's wife, or a leopard-skinned cyclist blacked up in homage to the Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba?

There is something about the film's deliberate artifice that recalls *Delicatessen*. The comedy, though, is very different: instead of bizarre fantasy choked with French movie lore, van Warmerdam (trained in theatre and design) pursues a deadpan style that suggests a fusion between sight-gag comedy and the minimalist miserablism of Aki Kaurismäki.

As with *Delicatessen*, the setting is everything: a lone street of dull houses, the only survival of an abandoned housing estate in 1960. Privacy is impossible: the postman (played by the director himself) steams open all mail, and everyone peers through windows, clocking the peccadilloes and obsessions of this stranded bourgeois community.

The film outstays its welcome: there is never enough plot or satirical bite to justify 108 minutes. But van Warmerdam, whose previous film *Abel* toured the festivals six years ago, has a distinctive talent to amuse, and deserves a hearty handshake.

Two revivals fill out the week. Ten years ago almost to the day, Jim Jarmusch finished shooting **Stranger than Paradise**, using rolls of film donated in part by Wim Wenders's producer and Jean-Marie Straub, the god of intellectual cinema. Each scene lasted one camera shot; each scene brought a unique blend of European art film rigour and laidback American comedy. Critics and audiences pounced on it with glee, and a new star director was born.

Ten years on, Jarmusch's laconic musings on the American dream, shot in black-and-white, still give huge pleasure — more, in fact, than any of his subsequent films. As a carrot to entice spectators, *Paradise* comes supported by *Coffee and Cigarettes (Somewhere in California)*, Jarmusch's latest 12-minute short featuring Tom Waits and Iggy Popp chewing the fat on subjects ranging from Abbott and Costello to roadside surgery.

The most interesting revival is **Providence**, the Alain Resnais puzzle picture in which Sir John Gielgud swears mellifluously, Dirk Bogarde preens and primps, David Warner wears a fisherman's grey pullover, and everyone navigates reams of dialogue by David Mercer that they probably only half understood.

At first, *Providence*, made in 1977, resembles one of Mercer's highbrow BBC plays as it probes the imaginings of Gielgud's rambunctious dying writer. But Resnais's visual fiction smoothes any rough edges, weaving between the layers of fiction, accompanied by a Miklós Rózsa score unmatched for its yearning, its autumn glow.

When *Providence* was made, serious film-makers still thought of cinema as a vehicle for ideas, and art-house audiences accepted challenges. Now everyone, outside or inside Hollywood, wants an easy time. The point of *Providence* may be hard to express: you must delve into abstract concepts like time, memory, the act of creation, the burden of guilt. But rather one pretentious film like this than 20 more *Undercover Blues*.

Undercover Blues
Plaza, 12, 90 mins
Painless but dull comedy thriller

Hear No Evil
Warner West End, 15, 91 mins
Unpleasant potboiler with Marlee Matlin

Friends
Metro, 15, 109 mins
Flawed drama about three South African women

The Northerners
Curzon Phoenix, 15, 108 mins
Witty, original Dutch satire

Stranger Than Paradise
Renoir, 15, 90 mins
Jim Jarmusch's bracing first feature

Providence
MGM Swiss Centre 15, 112 mins
Vintage egghead's delight from Alain Resnais



Spooks with dirty faces, Kathleen Turner and Dennis Quaid mug for their little angel in the action comedy *Undercover Blues*

Silent master of the power of love

David Robinson on Frank Borzage, the director who turned melodrama into art

Had Frank Borzage's career ended around 1940, his place as one of the world's great film-makers would have been assured. As it was, he worked on for two more decades, regarded as no more than a reliable journeyman whose career ended in 1959 with the Disney biblical spectacular *The Big Fisherman*.

However, the process of critical rehabilitation is currently well under way, with the rediscovery of many early films hitherto believed lost. A monumental biography by Herve Dumont coincided with last year's retrospective at the Cinémathèque Française; and this month six Borzage silent masterpieces are on show at the National Film Theatre.

Borzage was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on April 24, 1894. Like many other great film-makers, he had little discernible formal education. He left school at 12 to help his father and brothers on the family small-holding, then went to work in a silver mine.

Somehow, he had become stage-struck. At 16 he joined one of the innumerable stock companies then touring rural America. In 1912 he arrived in California, where the new movie industry was booming. The charming, handsome youth with a frizz of red hair found plentiful work as an actor. Soon he was starring in low-budget Westerns: by the age of 21 he was directing them as well.

At 25 his reputation was consolidated by his first major production, *Humoresque*. The original story is an unabashed weepie by the popular romantic novelist Fannie Hurst: a boy from the New York ghettos becomes a great violinist, is injured in the First World War, but learns to play again thanks to a woman's love.

Borzage demonstrated, as he was so often to do, his ability to metamorphose banal melodrama into romantic lyricism by the sincerity and passion of his treatment. The characteristic blend of tenderness, tact, charm and humour that distinguishes his best work seems to have reflected Borzage's personal qualities. No Hollywood director was ever more loved by his co-workers: the extraordinary performances of almost every actor in his films were won by sympathy and persuasion.

Borzage's constant romantic preoccupation — the sublime love between two people which surmounts every obstacle and separation — reached its most heightened expression in his crowning work *Seventh Heaven* (1927). Here Borzage transformed an unremarkable sentimental stage play into a pure exaltation of romantic love, which became a key text for the European Surrealists of the 1920s. A young Parisian sewer worker and an unhappy orphan girl, close to suicide after ill-treatment by her prostitute sister, discover, albeit at first reluctantly, a love that redeems and glorifies them both. The boy goes to war and is apparently fatally wounded: but the ending, mystical and ecstatic, celebrates the ultimate triumph of love. The gala performance of *Seventh Heaven* at the Queen Elizabeth Hall will have live musical accompaniment by Paul Robinson and the Harmonie Band.

In *Seventh Heaven* Borzage first teamed Hollywood's most beautiful couple, Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell. They worked with him again in *Street Angel*, *The River*, *Lucky Star* and *Liliom*, a sound film adapted from the play by Ferenc Molnar which subsequently became *Carousel*. The NFT is showing *Street Angel*, in which Gaynor and Farrell are Neapolitan circus performers, and the incomparable *Lucky Star*, where they play a crippled ex-serviceman and a deprived and ignorant farm girl, as usual both redeemed by love.

Other films in the season are *Secrets*, an extraordinary chronicle of a marriage, all of whose dramatic crises are transcended by true love; an adaptation of *The Circle*, in which Borzage found a brilliant visual equivalent for the verbal wit of Somerset Maugham's original comedy; and *Lazybones*, a magical celebration of rural Americana and the tragi-comedies of love that remains undeclared.

● *Seventh Heaven will be screened at the Queen Elizabeth Hall tomorrow at 7.45pm; the other Borzage films will be shown at the NFT (box office: 071-928 3232): Secrets, Jan 18; Lazybones, Jan 23; The Circle, Jan 25; Street Angel, Jan 30; Lucky Star, Jan 31*



Charles Farrell (down the drain) can only watch as Gladys Brockwell attacks her "sister" Janet Gaynor in Borzage's classic *Seventh Heaven*

THIS SATURDAY: SPIELBERG ON SPIELBERG

"You can interpret my beliefs through *ET*: there is a message. But *Schindler's List* is the first time I have told the truth about myself and what I believe in." Steven Spielberg is interviewed in *The Times Magazine* this Saturday

"...WITH AN OFF-KILTER SENSE OF HUMOUR THAT IS BOTH FUNNY AND DISTURBING"
SCREEN INTERNATIONAL



THE NORTHERNERS

FROM TOMORROW
MGM PICCADILLY 071-437 3561
PICTUREHOUSE CLAPHAM 071-498 3323

ROCK: A giant loosens up

Sting finally sees the light

Sting
Albert Hall

BEING Sting seems to be more fun these days. There has been a jaunty, joshing tone to his most recent interviews, and a parallel levity has found its way into his music. After the dark and, for many listeners, rather trying nature of his series of solo albums, last year's *Ten Summoner's Tales* came as a mighty relief. It was literate, muso, clever, big-hearted: all the things you'd expect. But it was also (blessedly) light in tone and sometimes humorous. Consequently, listening to Sting is also more fun these days.

Not to say that our man has sublimated his true self in order to escape an increasingly clichéd image. The jingle-jangle sound you heard as you walked up Kensington Gore was that of Rainforest Foundation collection tins being rattled. And the complex instrumental breaks that would later punctuate even perfectly simple little songs like "Roxanne" or "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic" showed him to be someone still punch-drunk on the possibilities for experimentation raised by the presence of three other top-flight musicians — Dominic Miller (guitar), Vinnie Colaiuta (drums) and David Sancious (keyboards) — and a sympathetic audience.

But there is something less self-conscious about the Sting of today. It's not that he no longer tries as hard, more that he no longer seems to need to define himself absolutely through his performance. Hence he can give a little of a lot of things to those who want them — here, in the first of three sell-out Albert Hall appearances, we saw Sting the bobbing, weaving pop hopeful, Sting the freeform jazzer and Sting the jacket-off, no-nonsense rock god. I was particularly taken with Sting the battle-scarred but still hopeful fortysomething.

This particular incarnation involves the best of the ever-clever lyrics he has written in recent years, each sung in a perfectly judged, conversational, near-throwaway style. The grudging buddy-buddy love song "It's Probably Me" was one such piece, the exquisite "Shape Of My Heart" another. Little time to get mellow and thoughtful though: a brace of power chords and a canister or two of dry ice signalled the approaching end of a consummately performed show.

ALAN JACKSON

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ALL HUMAN LIFE: The great Hulton Deutsch Collection of photographs originated in the *Picture Post* magazine library, but over the years it has absorbed many other press archives and private collections. This exhibition of about 500 images includes many of the best news and documentary photographs of the last half-century. While human interest predominates, the final section looks to the future and the new technology of picture access and storage.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon and Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm; Tue 10am-5.45pm; Sun 12 noon-6.45pm. Opens today until April 24 🅂

CLAIR DE LUZ: Pete Brooks' Insomniac Productions open this year's London International Mime Festival with a performance recreating the 1950s world of *film noir*. A world première following the success of last year's *L'Ascensore*.
ICA, The Mall, SW1 (071-930 3647). Tonight-Saturday, 8pm

PLG YOUNG ARTISTS: The Park Lane Group's New Year series of chamber concerts for outstanding young musicians concludes this evening with performances by pianists Graham Caskie, Valerie Kampmeier and Alan Hicks, plus soprano Isa Lagarde and clarinettist Katherine Romano.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 6.30 and 8pm

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL: Opening night for the first of this year's productions from the Bath-based and internationally touring Natural Theatre Co. *The End of Teddy Hedges* is set backstage on the Ealing Studios lot during Coronation week, 1953, a comment on the typical Ealing film.
New Vic, King Street (0272 250250). Tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm. Until Jan 22 🅂

LEEDS: Paul Daniel conducts **Opera North's** staging of Britten's blend of spectacle, ceremony and intimacy that is his coronation opera *Gloriana*. Josephine Barstow may have been born to sing the role of Elizabeth I.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351). Tonight, 7.15pm 🅂

MIDDLESBROUGH: Theatre Centre, Britain's longest established young people's theatre company, continues its tour of **The Magic Shoes**. Nona Shepphard's adventure packed show is a tale of two worlds when a small boy's dream to be in someone else's shoes becomes a Christmas wish come true.
Little Theatre, The Avenue (0642 815181). Today and tomorrow, 9.45am and 2.15pm, Saturday, 10.30am and 7pm. 🅂 Suitable for ages five upwards

OXFORD: An evening of musical magic is in store from **Julian Bream**, the guitarist who nearly singlehandedly established a British following for his chosen instrument. His programme includes works from Paganini, Jose, Bach, Granados, Ravel and Falla.
Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street (0865 864056). Tonight, 7.30pm 🅂

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Deities and Devotions: Hindu art: Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... **Courtauld Institute Galleries:** Alejandro Xul Solar (071-873 2526) ... **Festival Hall:** Bruce Chatwin's Photographs (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** The Portrait Now: Thomas Eakins (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Ken Kiff (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum (071-439 7438) ... **Royal College of Art:** John Minton (071-5845020) ... **Tate:** Writing on the Wall: women artists, Turner's Vignettes (071-887 8008)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY:** Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE BFG:** Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his seasonally festive call on London. Last week of performances.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Today and Friday, 2pm and 7pm, Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm

☐ **FOREVER PLAID:** Genial and wittily performed homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Tonight, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6pm (Fri half price), 8.30pm. Last week.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm. 🅂

◪ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE.** Suave and singing, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill. See review, right.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Tue-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm, Sun 7.30pm.

☐ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE:** French and Saunders in wretchedly lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm.

◪ **MEDEA:** Jonathan Kent directs the magnificent Diana Rigg in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5.30pm.

◪ **MERRY WIVES:** Barry Rutter brings his Northern Broadsides company - launched as a vehicle for the Northern voice - down south for a rumbustious version of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Until January 22.

■ **MOTHER COURAGE AND HER CHILDREN:** Anthony Clark directs Hanif Kureishi's touring production of Brecht, with Ellie Haddington as the persistent capitalist. Final week of performances.
National (Cottesloe) South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; Mats Today and Sat, 2.30pm 🅂

☐ **OLEANNA:** Denis Lawson and Michelle Fairley have taken over the leads in Mamet's tale of power and punishment at an American university.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm 🅂

☐ **ONE MAN:** Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces, Poe's Telltale Heart, Actor, and Dog, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Final week of performances

☐ **PIAF:** Elaine Page in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm

☐ **RELATIVE VALUES:** Susan Hampshire heads a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy, now joined by Sarah Brightman to replace Sara Crowe.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm 🅂

◪ **SEPTEMBER TIDE:** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion arrives in the West End again (last time 1948), from the King's Head. Susannah York plays the decent woman in love with her son-in-law.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Previewing through next Monday, 8pm. Opens Jan 18, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm

◪ **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** New Michael Hastings drama, set in 1940 among a group of aristocrats nervously awaiting Hitler's invasion. Philip Voss and Toby Stephens head an excellent cast.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews tonight-Jan 18, 7.15pm; mat Sat 2pm. Opens Jan 19, 7pm. 🅂

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ◪ **Hot Stuff:** Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY (18):** Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn and Penelope Ann Miller.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE (15): Chen Kaige's Cannes prizewinner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

MALICE (15): Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill Pulman's New England college town domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller; director, Harold Becker.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Marble Arch** (0426-914 501) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

MENACE II SOCIETY (18): Drugs, sex and relentless violence in Los Angeles black ghetto. Unedifying directing debut by 20 year-old twins, Allen and Albert Hughes.
Electric 🅂 (071-792 2020) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527)

SURVIVING DESIRE: Three elegant, crisp and airless short films from American independent Hal Hartley, showing during the January season, "New York, No Picnic".
ICA (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES (PG):** A new baby causes chaos in America's most macabre household. Overblown sequel, with good stretches. With Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston; director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

◆ **ALADDIN (U):** Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

CENTURY (15): Stephen Poliakoff's muddled dissection of science and morality in turn-of-the-century London. With Clive Owen, Charles Dance and Miranda Richardson.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666)

DESPERATE REMEDIES (15): Artless, exhausting high camp from New Zealand: a period tale of love and deceit. Stewart Main and Peter Wells direct.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

MAC (18): Refreshing, old-fashioned salute to the common man from actor, co-writer and director John Turturro.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD (15):** Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama; Eastwood also directs.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Christopher Reeve and James Fox.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

◆ **ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS (PG):** Unfunny, outdated Sherwood Forest spoof from Mel Brooks, with Cary Elwes, Roger Rees, Richard Lewis.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

THEATRE: A new revue from Kit and the Widow; prison drama from Black Mime Theatre

Public figures skewered in style

January Sale
Vaudeville

DONALD COOPER



Urbane, a trifle camp, effortlessly witty: Kit and the Widow in their new show at the Vaudeville Theatre

INTIMATE revue — happily urbane, proudly urban, mocking, camp (a little), shocking (but only when also witty), and conspiratorial — expired in the 1960s before the onrush of television. Kit and the Widow have brought it back to the theatre.

Few performers could hold a candle to Kit (Hesketh-Harvey) for courtly urbanity. His eyebrows arch, separately or together; the eyes look out with the expression of one who has seen the follies of life in all their racy absurdity; and he judges exactly how to weight the lyrics of a song so that we can share this view of them.

When I first saw him perform, in the Lyric Studio at Hammersmith, I wrote that he treated the audience with studied politeness, though I did not think I should like to meet him on a dark night with a bad review. "Studied" no longer feels right because, though I dare say he prepares his effects with the utmost assiduity, the impression he gives is one of effortless ease. The bad review fear still holds, however, for there is no denying the presence of something dangerous and angry fuelling the wit.

Nowadays he and the Widow play larger theatres and no longer hand over the stage to a conjuror or mimic to give themselves a rest in the second half. Richard Sissons (the Widow) is bolder than he used to be, but preserves the air of someone not entirely certain he will earn our favour when he strays from the keyboard of his grand piano. He still looks like a younger brother to Anthony Perkins: unassuming, shy and blessed with a thatch of thick, short hair that asks to be patted. Curiously, it is Kit who sports a widow's peak.

The contrast between their two styles, the one polished, the other brave, is a vital element in the partnership's appeal. A double ration of suavity would be too much. When they finally leave the stage, after their third encore, Kit waves a hand elegantly, the Widow flaps his arms any old how. They are a perfect pair.

Except for the encores, their material is nearly all new. There is the regular stab at Meryl Streep, but the dagger is different. The Vaudeville's proximity to the Adelphi allows a fresh introduction to the required criticism of Lloyd Webber. To a sad parody of "Land of Hope and Glory" they lash our eternal government's policy on almost everything: "Conservatism serving and unswervingly preserving / Till there's nothing worth conserving to conserve." The Turner Prize, Piaf and Delia Smith each get a song — Delia's fitting neatly into the Merry Widow's "Vilia".

Drawing on Coward, Lady Thatcher is imagined singing a very funny "Mad to Back the Boy". Most of the Queen's family are skewered. In a theatrical era when, if you can make out the words of a musical number you wonder why you bothered, the play of intelligence, art, wit and pointed delivery in these songs is a real tonic.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Cool look at porridge

E.D.R.
Lilian Baylis

E.D.R. is not Franklin Delano Roosevelt's cousin Edgar; nor the short form for one of the myriad new republics in the old Eastern Europe. it stands for Earliest Day of Release, something much on the minds of the characters at the centre of the Black Mime Theatre's latest creation. During the evening, the five performers appear as parents, small children, large children, dancers at a disco, druggies, assorted hangers-on and, in one case, a slavering Doberman; but mostly they play five male prisoners in Brixton or Pentonville and five female prisoners in, presumably, Holloway.

They switch roles, sexes and ages pretty adeptly, too — though one would hardly look to *E.D.R.* for great penological insights. Denise Wong's cast — Tracey Anderson, Michael Mannash-Daniels, Carol Moses, Cassi Pool, Benji Reid — can create impressionistic worlds on a bare stage. But when it comes to exploring them in any depth they are less successful. Perhaps that is the way mime tends to be even when, as in *E.D.R.*, there are plenty of words to hear.

At any rate, the company economically evokes prison life: the tearful new arrival, the food queue, the enervating ping-pong games, the desperately-awaited visits, the rows, the inevitable suicide. Every now and then they home in on the family backgrounds of some of those swaggering men and squabbling women. A young fellow called Junior, for instance, starts off being forced to read the Bible aloud by a heavy father, and ends up a menacing drug pedlar. But the bits in between are missing.

The same is true of the other case-studies. Angie is a violent child, given to dismembering dolls and terrorising her cousins, and becomes the ex-officio gauleiter of Holloway, able to solve any dispute with her fists. The inference is that weak parenting is to blame, but it is very vague and understated.

Conversely, Rick was the sort of kid who did not get a bite of cake at his own birthday party. He was neglected by a cold mother, rejected by his wife, and finishes up in jug for — but what? His fellow prisoners discover that he is "a dirty beast" and beat him senseless; but what kind of beast, and why he has become it, remains unclear.

But at least there is no preaching, no attitudinising, and, incidentally, no racial ire or ethnic polemic. The impression throughout is that these are English people who happen to be black, not black people who happen to be English. Moreover, the tone is measured and sometimes humorous — the visitor with "important news" which turns out to be the latest twist in *EastEnders* — and the mime itself unpretentious. Whatever its limitations, this is a civilised look at uncivilised places.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DANCE

More acorns, please

Resolution
The Place

A TRIO of earnest Japanese ladies, the Sakura Dance Company, opened the three-part programme which began this year's Resolution series at The Place Theatre. Each having choreographed the piece, for performance by all, they first appeared treading round a circle of lights. Later they included the silhouette of (I think) a large rubber doll, sometimes colliding with each other or bursting into hysterical laughter. Later still they confronted group unison with fragmentation, using po-faced posturings of heavy and mysterious significance. Came the interval, after which, you felt, things could only get better.

How wrong. But then Resolution's very ethos is high unpredictability, offering a particularly risky deal for the spectator and an open house for the performer. It invites anyone willing to show their work at their own financial risk, so that you or I, if we so wanted, could take up the challenge — possibly with no worse results.

By design or coincidence, this first programme turned out to be an all-women event. Waymark, a group of four, pitched in with a collaborative piece called *A Fine Line* that took as its starting point the image of laundry billowing in the wind on a washing line. The premise was neatly promising, setting the prison of domestic tedium against airborne freedom. But the ground between those polarities became mudded with confusing depictions of female rivalry, naive choreography and a self-conscious text inspired by Sylvia Plath.

See My Voice, the closing team effort from Sam Dawn (re-emerging from the previous group) and Sue Smith, dealt in elaborate patterns of gestures and signals. These apparently denoted the preconceptions that get in the way of dialogue. The interlocutors "struggle to be heard" — as well they might, given the incomprehensibility of their sign language.

Resolution is offering a platform to some 46 groups over four weeks. Together with the subsequent Spring Loaded season — several rungs higher up the ladder of quality — The Place Theatre will up to May host a very grand total of 100 groups. You certainly cannot accuse the theatre's director John Ashford of lack of vigour. As for excellence, he would doubtless argue that amid the dead leaves you may well find a few fertile acorns. And that makes it all worthwhile.

NADINE MEISNER

ENTERTAINMENTS

DINNER CABARET

THE GREEN ROOM 071 437 9090 The Café Royal, Regent St, W1 Until 22 January
BOBBY SHORT
Mon-Sat Dinner 7pm Show 9pm
From 27 Jan, Clarke Peters (writer hit musical 'Five Guys Named Moe')

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 071 836 3161 (24hr)
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Ton't 7.30 DIE FLEDERMAUS
Tomor 7.00 (FIRST NIGHT) XERXES

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

Royal Festival Hall 071 928 8800
English National Ballet
THE NUTCRACKER
"Pure and simple magic" E Std
For 2 weeks only
Ton't 7.30 Jaffe Chalmer Kerche
Tomor 7.30 Pankova Klevtzov Desutter

SADLER'S WELLS 071-278 8916
First Call (bkg fee) 071-497 9977
UNTIL SATURDAY
MOSCOW CITY BALLET
Ton't & Fri 7.30, Sat 2.30 & 7.30
SWAN LAKE

THEATRES

ADELPHI
"A genuine triumph" D Mail
"Andrew Lloyd Webber's most persuasive Score" New Yorker
SUNSET BOULEVARD
"Oh what a glorious Sunset" D Exp
"It out - Oklahomas 'Oklahoma!'" Wall St Journal
24HR CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS
CALL 071 344 0055 (bkg fee)
GROUP BKG 071 413 3302 (bkg fee)
NO BKG FEE FOR PERSONAL CALLERS AT THE ADELPHI BOX OFFICE
Recorded information 071 379 8884
Mon-Sat 8.00 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00
QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS

ALDWYCH 071 836 6404/497 9977
Group Sales 071 930 6123
"UNMISSABLE" Time Out
"OUTSTANDING" D Tel
The Royal National Theatre's multi award-winning production of J.B. Priestley's
AN INSPECTOR CALLS
"As concentrated a piece of theatrical perfection as you will find anywhere" Today
"I URGE YOU TO SEE IT" D.Mail
Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 5pm & 8.15pm, Wed Mat 2.30pm

AMBASSADORS 071 836 6111/1171 cc 071 497 9977 (24hrs no bkg fee) Group Sales 071 930 6123
GARY OLSEN MARIA FRIEDMAN
APRIL IN PARIS
The New Comedy by JOHN GODBER
Reduced price previews from 25 Jan

APOLLO 071 494 5070/ 071 344 4444/497 9977 (All 24hrs/No bkg fee) Groups 494 5454/413 3321
"THE BEST PARTY IN TOWN" D.M
FOREVER PLAID
Fri 6pm all seats half price!
LAST PERFS - MUST END SAT!

APOLLO VICTORIA SS cc 630 6262
Groups 828 6188/413 3321 cc 24hr 071 344 4444/497 9977
"Andrew Lloyd Webber's New production of
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
"A REBORN THEATRICAL DELIGHT" Daily Mail
White knuckle runs 19.45
Daily Tue & Sat 15.00
Tickets from £10.00 - £30.00

CALL 071-481 1920
To place your entertainment advert in THE TIMES

ARTS THEATRE BO 071 836 2132
CC (24hr, no bkg fee) 071 344 4444
ANORAK OF FIRE
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GUS GASCOIGNE TRAINSPOTTER
"Superb...Glorious...An exceptional achievement" D Tel.
"Hilarious...A Gem" S Times
Tues-Fri 8pm, Sat 6 & 8pm

CAMBRIDGE WC2 BO/CC 071 494 5080/071 344 4444 Grps 071 413 3321
"A FANTASTIC 70'S MUSICAL Abba, Glitter, Bowie & Queen meet the devil in this year's biggest cult hit musical" Capital Gold
* HOT STUFF *
"Truly roaring across the West End stage in a frenzy" Today
JANUARY SALE - £10!
Except Sat 8.30
Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30

COMEDY BO/CC 071 867 1045/ 071 344 4444/497 9977
Susannah York Michael Praed
Daphne Du Maurier's
SEPTEMBER TIDE
Special Opening Perfs until 22 Jan
ALL SEATS £10
(inc press night 18 Jan at 7pm).
Mon - Sat 8, Mats Wed 3, Sat 5

DOMINION Ticketlines 071 416 6060 071 497 9977 (bkg fee). Grps 071 416 6075/413 3321/240 7941
GREASE
Starring CRAIG McLACHLAN and DEBBIE GIBSON
"A monster hit" Daily Mirror
Eves 7.30pm Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
Standing room available daily
Now booking to Jan 1995

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL
cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 071 494 5001/344 4444/240 7200/379 9901 Grps 831 8625/494 5454
MISS SAIGON
"THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME"
NOW IN ITS 5TH FABULOUS YEAR!
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm
Good seats avail for Wed Mat & some perfs - apply B.O.
FOR TELEPHONE POSTAL BOOKINGS/PERSONAL CALLERS
071 494 5060 BKG FEE

DUCHESS cc 071 494 5070 cc 344 4444 (no bkg fee)/836 2428 (bkg fee)
Groups 071-413 3321
Eves 8pm, Wed mat 3pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30
NOW IN ITS 3RD YEAR
"A SAUCY COMEDY" E. Std
DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER
"Gloriously Outrageous" T Out

DUKE OF YORK'S THEATRE 071 836 5122 cc 836 9837 24hrs/7 days 836 3464, 344 4444
Denis Lawson Michelle Fairley
OLEANNA
by David Mamet
Directed by Harold Pinter
"Riveting new play" D Tel
Eves 7.30 Thur Mat 3, Sat Mat 4

To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in THE TIMES
TRADE 071-481 1920
FAX 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE 071-481 4000

FORTUNE BO & CC 071 836 2238 CC 497 9977 (24hrs No fee) 344 4444 (No fee) Grps 930 6123
JOHN NETTLETON BRIAN DEACON
Susan Hill's
THE WOMAN IN BLACK
Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt
"The most chilling and thrilling play for years" D Mail
Eves 8pm Mats Tue 3pm Sat 4pm

GARRICK THEATRE BO/CC 071 494 5085 (bkg fee)/CC (24 hrs) 344 4444 Grps 071 494 5454
STEVEN BERKOFF
ONE MAN
"Grippingly funny...Hilarious" T.Out
FINAL WEEK
MUST END SAT
Best seats £9.50 on day of perf 8pm (no mats)

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL BO/CC 071 930 8800 24hrs no bkg fee
RSC production of
THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA
"AN UNDOUBTED HIT" Obs
by William Shakespeare
with music by Gershwin & Cole Porter
Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00.
Ltd Season Must End 15 Jan

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 344 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 071 930 6123
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00
NOW BOOKING TO 17 DEC 1994
APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

LON. PALLADIUM 24hr BO/CC 071 494 5020 (£1 per Tkt Serv Chge) 071 344 4444/497 9977 Mon-Thu (bkg fee Fri-Sat) Groups 494 5456 (£1 per Tkt Serv Chge)
Andrew Lloyd Webber's "exuberant new production" Std of "Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber's Palladium Blockbuster" Gdn
JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
Dir by STEVEN PIMLOTT
Starring JASON DONOVAN
Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30
QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS
This production must end 15 Jan

LYRIC, Shafts Ave Bo & cc 071 494 5045 cc 071 344 4444 All tel lines 24hr/7 days (bkg fee). cc 497 9977 Grps 071 930 6123
The Joint Never Stops Jumpin
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
THE OLIVIER AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
3RD GREAT YEAR
Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat at 6 & 8.45

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741. 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977
OLIVIER
Today 2.00 & 7.15 THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Kenneth Grahame, adapted by Alan Bennett. Tomor 7.15 THE ABSENCE OF WAR David Hare
LYTTELTON
Today 2.15 & 7.30 MACHINAL Sophie Treadwell. Tomor 7.30 THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III Alan Bennett
COTTESLOE
Today 2.30 & 7.30, Tomor 7.30 MOTHER COURAGE Bertolt Brecht in a version by Hanif Kureishi

NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 24hr 344 4444 Grps 930 6123
THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
CATS
Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00
LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION, PLEASE BE PROMPT.
Bars open at 6.45
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PALACE THEATRE 071-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 071-344 4444/497 9977/071 793 1000
Group Sales 071 930 6123
Groups 071 494 1571
THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL
LES MISERABLES
Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30
Latecomers not admitted until the interval
LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PHOENIX BO/CC 867 1044 867 1111/344 4444 (fee) 497 9977
BEST MUSICAL
ALL 4 MAJOR AWARDS
WILLY RUSSELL'S
BLOOD BROTHERS
STEPHANIE LAWRENCE with CARL WAYNE
"ASTONISHING" S Express
"Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail
Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

PICCADILLY BO/CC 867 1118/ 1111/071 344 4444/497 9977
THE PETER HALL COMPANY
"ELAINE PAIGE is PIAF
Astonishing...tremendous, funny, tender, stupendous...powerful, majestic, unstoppable" D Exp
"MAGNIFICENT" Gdn
A musical play by PAM GEMS
Directed by PETER HALL
Eves 8.00 Mats Wed, Sat 3.00
Matinees Lorraine Brunning will play the role of Piaf (Wed Mat all seats £10)

PLAYHOUSE BO/CC 071 839 4401
TIM PIGOTT SMITH in
JANE EYRE
Adapted by Fay Weldon
"Epic...an enthralling piece of theatre" D Exp.
Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thu & Sat at 3.00

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 cc (24hr no bkg fee) 836 3464 / 071 344 4444 Groups 930 6123
BEST MUSICAL
Laurence Olivier Awards 93
THE NEW GERSHWIN MUSICAL COMEDY
CRAZY FOR YOU
"IS A GREAT, GLORIOUS, GLAMOROUS GOLDMINE OF A SHOW" S Times
Eves 7.45 Mats Thu & Sat 3.00
APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS & CANCELLATIONS

PRINCE OF WALES BO/CC 071 839 5972 cc (24hr no bkg fee) 071 836 3464/344 4444 Grps 071 413 3321
THE NEW PRODUCTION OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S
ASPECTS OF LOVE
"Exquisite - a reprise of love... a spine-tingling affair" Jack Tinker/Daily Mail
4 PERFS ONLY UNTIL 15 JAN
Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3

PRINCE OF WALES 071 839 5972 24hr 7 day cc 836 3464 (no bkg fee)
From 9 Feb for a limited season
Charity Gala 10 Feb at 7.00
PAUL DANIELS
THE MAGIC MAN
Debbie McGee & Martin Daniels
Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30

QUEENS BO/CC 071 494 5041 CC 071 344 4444/Grps 071 413 3321
THE PETER HALL COMPANY
DONALD SINDEN DAVID ESSEX
MIRIAM MARGOLYES in
SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER
Directed by PETER HALL
"GLORIOUS" D. Mail
"A generous, golden evening" S.Tms
"Everything you could ask for" FT
Eves 7.45 Mats Thu 3.00 Sat 4.00

ROYAL COURT 071-730 1745/2554 cc 836 2428(24hrs) 836 5122
THE CAVALCADERS by Billy Roche
Eves 7.30, Sat Mats 3.30

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON (071 638 8891 cc Mon - Sun 9am-8pm)
BARBICAN THEATRE
MACBETH
Today 2.00 & 7.15
THE PIT: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Ton't, Tomor, Sat 2.00 & 7.15
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON (0789 295623 cc Mon-Sat 9am-8pm)
ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE
THE TEMPEST
Today 1.30, Sat 7.30
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE
Ton't 7.30
SWAN THEATRE THE COUNTRY WIFE Today 1.30, Sat 7.30 THE VENETIAN TWINS Ton't 7.30
THE OTHER PLACE GHOSTS Ton't 7.30
Meal/Ticket/Hotel package 0789 414999.

SAVOY THEATRE BO/CC 071 836 8888 cc 497 9977 (24hrs no bkg fee)
SUSAN HAMPSHIRE SARAH BRIGHTMAN
ALISON FISKE ANTHONY BATE
in NOEL COWARD'S
"WICKEDLY ENJOYABLE" D. Tel
RELATIVE VALUES
Directed by TIM LUSCOMBE
"JOYOUS" F.T.
"SPARKLING... A COMEDY WITH REAL BITE" Time Out
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

SHAFTESBURY BO & CC 071 379 5399 CC 071 344 4444 24hr/bkg fee Grps 413 3321
DUE TO HUGE PUBLIC DEMAND RUN NOW EXTENDED TO AUGUST 27 1994
" RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S MASTERPIECE " S. Times
CAROUSEL
" A ONCE IN A DECADE EVENT" D. Tel
Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30
PLEASE NOTE latecomers will not be admitted for 40 minutes

ST MARTIN'S 071-836 1443. Special CC No. 344 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45. Sat 5.0 and 8.0
42nd Year of Agatha Christie's
THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND BO/CC 071 930 8800 24hr cc 071 344 4444 (no bkg fee) Groups 071 413 3321
DAWN FRENCH JENNIFER SAUNDERS
ME & MAMIE O'ROURKE
By Mary Agnes Donoghue
"Sublime comic genius" D Mail
Directed by Robert Allan Ackerman
FOR A LIMITED SEASON
Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri, Sat 5.45 & 8.45

VAUDEVILLE BO/CC 071 836 9987 CC 497 9977 (24hr No bkg fee)
KIT & THE WIDOW'S
"JANUARY SALE"
A MUSICAL REVUE
Limited Season Tue-Fri 7.30
Sat 6 & 8.30 ALL SEATS £9.99
Sun 7.30 all seats £11.99

TO PLACE YOUR ENTERTAINMENT ADVERTISEMENT IN THE TIMES
TRADE ADVERTISERS TEL: 071-481 1920
ADVERTISING FAX NO. 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE ADVERTISERS TEL: 071-481 4000

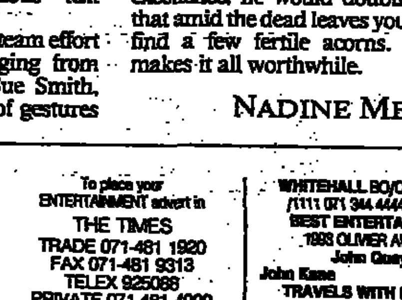
To place your ENTERTAINMENT advert in THE TIMES
TRADE 071-481 1920
FAX 071-481 9313
TELEX 925088
PRIVATE 071-481 4000

VICTORIA PALACE Box Off & cc (No bkg fee) 071 834 1317 CC (bkg fee) 071-344 4444/497 9977
Groups 071-930 6123
* BUDDY *
The Buddy Holly Story
"BRILLIANT" Sun
* BUDDY *
"WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel
* BUDDY *
Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri 5.30 & 8.30
Sat 5.00 & 8.30
ALL SEATS ½ PRICE
FRIDAY 5.30 PERF
5TH FANTASTIC YEAR - OVER 1800 PERFORMANCES
BOOKING TO SEPT '94

WHITEHALL BO/CC 867 1119 /1111 071 344 4444/497 9977
BEST ENTERTAINMENT
1993 OLIVIER AWARDS
John Quayle
John Kane Ian Lindsay
TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT
GILES HAVERGAL'S brilliant adaptation of GRAHAM GREENE'S funniest novel" Obs
Mon-Fri 8 Wed 3 Sat 5 & 8.15

WYNDHAMS BO/CC 071 867 1116 / 071 344 4444/497 9977
"A BLAZINGLY INTELLIGENT PERFORMANCE" Gdn.
DIANA RIGG
"The crowning role of her career" D Mail
MEDEA
"Dazzling, stunning, compelling, unmissable. Jonathan Kent's flawless production" S Express
Mon-Fri 8.00 Sat 5.30 & 8.30

"A MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT" DEREK MALCOLM THE GUARDIAN
"MASTERLY...A FABULOUS EPIC" NIGEL NORMAN THE STANDARD



A FILM BY CHEN KAIGE
FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE
LESLIE CHEUNG ZHANG FENGYI GONG LI
ENGLISH SUBTITLES
Lumière ST MARTINS LANE WC2 PHONE 071 379 3014 & 071 836 0691
CHELSEA CINEMA 206 KING'S ROAD 071 351 3742
RENOIR BRUNSWICK SQUARE RUSSELL SQUARE TUBE PHONE 071 837 8402
Screen on the Hill 203 Haverstock Hill NW3 071 435 3366
ODEON KENSINGTON
Cameo EDINBURGH • Watershed BRISTOL • Duke of York BRIGHTON
FROM FRIDAY RICHMOND FILMHOUSE 081-332 0030 barbican cinemas
Triangle BIRMINGHAM • Cornerhouse MANCHESTER • Hyde Park LEEDS



TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss** welcomes 'a classic serial of obvious distinction' from the BBC

Middlemarch is definitely worth a detour

It is not often that television critics find themselves gloomily perusing the steep sides of a cleft stick, but with the arrival last night of the classic serial **Middlemarch** to our screens (BBC2) amid public pronouncements that its critical success will affect the BBC's commitment to the genre (if it's not a huge hit, they threaten to give up adapting proper books), one feels more than slightly blackmailed — rather like the infants at *Peter Pan* when told that if they do not clap their hands very very loudly, poor little Tink will die.

So may I say straight away (and genuine readers may skip this bit) "HOORAH, HOORAH ... best thing on television ... great roller-coaster of a ... couldn't take my eyes off ... Douglas Hodge a revelation ... Andrew Davies's intelligent adaptation ... Will Ladislaw — what a hunk, girls, eh? ... George Eliot's personal triumph ... well directed ... told all my friends ... worth the licence fee ... is that enough? — *The Times*." There, that ought to do it.

But since one of the great themes of *Middlemarch* is failed idealism, it seems fair enough to be stuck in this porridge. Poor Dr Lydgate (Douglas Hodge) arrives in the small, middling, middlesome Midland town of *Middlemarch* in an open stagecoach one bustling market day in 1829 stuffed full of idealism, strutting with hope at the thought of the good work he will achieve. But within 80 minutes he has made a cynical trade-off with the town banker Bulstrode (Peter Jeffery), openly supporting this large-hootered bigot in return for a safeguard of his hospital's future.

One supposes that, thematically, it was necessary for the town of Middlemarch to be such a busy swarm of commercial activity for Lydgate's arrival, but it must be said (now that the BBC has thankfully stopped reading) that when observing, hand-in-gob, last night's alarmingly cinematic and profligate opening sequence — period coach, railway works complete with Stevenson's Rocket, epic market square, zillions of extras, horses, leather aprons, acres of fustian, children chasing, poultry clucking, post-horn sounding — the dread words "Quality Street" and "Muppet Christmas Carol" came very forcibly to mind.

> 'Here is an opportunity to hear grown-up dialogue in whole sentences'

They tell us that we, the audience, positively demand such high production values, but is it true? Personally, I would always prefer a drama that did not require such obvious post-synching of dialogue. Let them show us the Alan Bates *Mayor of Casterbridge* again — made on outdoor video with poor location sound — and see whether Henchard's tragedy loses its impact. "When they got to the last will and testament — well, I had to turn it off. The story was all right, but there just weren't enough extras selling chickens."

Meanwhile, back in Middlemarch, the real nitty-gritty of the story took place in intimate conversations, as might have been predicted. As any fool knows, the point of classic serials is not the costumes and set-dressing; it's the opportunity to hear meaningful grown-up dialogue in whole, literate sentences delivered by actors who are good at it. "And if I say, in my turn, that I have longed for some great purpose in my life to give it shape and meaning, you do not find such an aspiration ridiculous?" asks Dorothea Brooke (Juliet Aubrey), all big-eyed and eager, and the mixture of syntax and vocabulary is so fresh and heady, one almost faints in the chair.

Dorothea's misfortune, of course, is to be born to a society which informs her, with only her best interests at heart, that such an aspiration *is* ridiculous. Ladies prefer a little light poetry to strenuous intellectual endeavour; ladies like toy dogs. Initially, Dorothea smiles at such nonsense — an expectant, earnest indulgent sort of smile that tells you she will ultimately defy them all. And sure enough, she achieves her tainted wish: she marries Patrick Malahide's arid baldpate scholar Mr Casaubon — a man as proximate to living death as you can get without actually sporting cobwebs.

Nice to have the pronunciation of "Casaubon" settled back in favour of the stressed first syllable, after Radio 4 confused everybody with "ker-SAW-bn" a few years ago. And wonderful to have a classic serial of such obvious distinction to watch and relish over the next six weeks.

George Eliot does not write great acting parts in the way Dickens does, but oh — what's the cliché? — she weaves a web, that's right. (Sorry, the BBC will be reading this last bit.) Ahem. "*Middlemarch* weaves a web of fine interconnected threads — love, hope, corruption, waste — which catches the viewer like a hapless fly, or something. A rattling good evening, I was held fast. Chickens excellent throughout."

Phew.



Middlemarch, complete with "period coach, epic market square, zillions of extras, horses, leather aprons, acres of fustian, children chasing, poultry clucking, post-horn sounding". Do we really need such high production values?

New test for fresh talents

Stephen Pettitt enjoys two recitals of contemporary chamber music by gifted young players

Compared to day one, the second day of the Park Lane Group's Young Artists Series saw more adventure and intelligence going hand in hand in choice of music. The early evening concert was given by **Clio Gould**, already a familiar name among aficionados of chamber music. With the sensitive and accomplished **Sophia Rahman** at the piano, she performed with confidence, virtuosity and insight.

First came two sets of miniatures, the fragmented gestures and resourceful colours of George Crumb's *Four Nocturnes (Night Music II)* of 1964, and *Abstracts and a Frame* (1971), eight tiny, beautifully crafted pieces by Nicola LeFanu, one of the week's two featured composers. Then she turned to the larger span of Hugh Wood's *Poem, Op 35*, composed for this occasion and rich in sustained lyricism. Finally, there was a vibrant reading of the unaccompanied *Tzigane* (1978) by Brian Elias, the other featured composer.

In the later concert, flautist **Emily Beynon**, with **Andrew Zolinsky** at the piano, gave another premiere, of Matthew Taylor's *Images in Spring*, Op 16. Burdened by idealised romantic imagery and a heavy approach, the music stayed earthbound despite Beynon's ardent advocacy.

Barry Guy's *Whistle and Flute* (1985) showed greater imagination: much of the work was already done for Beynon in the tape part, where Guy superimposes layers derived from traditional Turkish folk pieces and, by way of refrain, contemporary reflections on them. Nigel Clarke's *Chinese Puzzles*, yet another first performance, possessed plenty of energy, imagination and communicability, demanding much — and getting it — from Zolinsky.

But the vibrant, refreshing brand of complexity in Edwin Roxburgh's exultantly idiomatic *Flute Music with an accompaniment, after Browning* (1985) climaxing in breathtaking virtuosity, knocked spots off what we had heard before.

The Australian harpist **Marshall McGuire**, already well established in his native land, is plainly a musician of exceptional imagination and flair, reflected in his choice of music as well as in his superbly assured playing. There was the statutory world premiere, Michael Finnissy's *Tchaikovsky 5 and 12*, two scenes from a projected stage work on Tchaikovsky's life. Taking as their model the Russian folk songs that Tchaikovsky arranged for piano duet, both pieces were sad, poignant and bleak. Takemitsu's pretty *Stanza II* (1971), with kitsch birdsong and organ-like sonorities in the tape part, made an apt prelude to Barry Conyngham's *Awakening* (1991); Conyngham was a Takemitsu pupil. His suite of seven vividly contrasting and challenging pieces spoke of a considerable composer of whom we ought to know more.

Meanwhile Javier Alvarez's *Acuerdos por diferencia*, a PLG commission from 1989 which combines electronically modulated harp with a tape part that manipulates harp, lute and vihuela sounds, achieved its objective of realising in sound the effect of a constantly turning, changing physical shape.

GREAT CLASSICS ON OFFER

THE TIMES CD DIRECT



CD DIRECT is a service for *Times* readers. Each month four superb recordings will be offered at a specially reduced price, giving readers the opportunity to build up a top-quality collection of great classical music.

On Saturday, the January choice will be introduced: the legendary Canadian pianist Glenn Gould. So this is the final opportunity to buy the chosen discs of Sir Georg Solti. Four superlative recordings conducted by him are on offer: Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony and *Romeo and Juliet* overture; Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance Marches, Cockaigne* overture and *Enigma Variations*; choruses from Handel's *Messiah*; and Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra, Till Eulenspiegel* and *Don Juan*.

Each of these recordings is available to *Times* readers at a specially reduced price of £8.99. And if you order two or more discs you will be entitled to a free two-CD set of Bach's Brandenburg Concertos and Overtures. Just tick the appropriate box to receive your free disc. To purchase any of these CDs, please complete the coupon below. You can also phone your order on 0494 812122 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or fax it on 0494 816799.

THE TIMES CD DIRECT

Please send me the CDs indicated at £8.99 each:

☐ T129301 Tchaikovsky Symphony 6/ Romeo and Juliet

☐ T129302 Elgar Pomp and Circumstance/Enigma Variations

☐ T129303 Handel Messiah — Choruses

☐ T129304 Strauss Also Sprach Zarathustra, etc

☐ I have ordered two or more CDs and would like the FREE two-CD set of Bach's Brandenburg Concertos and Overtures

Total amount payable for CDs £ .....

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

..... POSTCODE .....

DAY TEL ..... HOME TEL .....

I enclose my cheque made payable to CD Direct

Value £ ..... Cheque number .....
(Please write your name and address on the back of the cheque)

Or, please debit my Access/Visa card number

Expiry date ...../.....

Print name ..... Signature .....

Post coupon and remittance to:
The Times CD Direct, FREEPOST (HY57), PO Box 109,
Penn, Buckinghamshire HP10 8NP

Please allow 28 days for delivery from receipt of order. Offer available in UK and Ireland only.

Circus skills reborn outside the ring

Andy Lavender previews the London Mime Festival, where old clowning tricks receive a post-modern twist

If it's January it must be the London International Mime Festival, which has established itself as one of the more dependable fixtures of London's arts calender. Its contents this year, however, indicate that the worlds of physical and visual performance are entering a new era. The old boundaries are disintegrating, and artists who might previously never even have watched each other are now swapping skills and appearing in each other's shows.

In the ensuing collaborations — between clowning and theatre, or juggling and dance — a new ambition can be detected: to produce shows which go beyond spectacle and boast a Big Idea, an Organising Principle, or even a Narrative. Any fool can juggle three balls with a little practice. Making your new skill dramatic for an hour or two is a little trickier.

Ra Ra Zoo, Britain's premier circus theatre outfit, is wrestling with the challenge. The company's contribution to the festival, *Cabinet of Curiosities*, has a narrative: an attempt to give it a framework within which to display the more traditional business of circus. "For me, coming from a tradition where stories are important, skills aren't enough," admits Chris Cresswell, who has performed with Ra Ra Zoo for the past two years. He is a clown with a background in theatre rather than circus.

Cresswell sees Ra Ra Zoo as working in a vaudeville tradition, harking back to the bizarre routines enjoyed at Berlin cabarets early this century. This allows a bridge between music, trapeze work and other more theatrical conventions. For all that, Cresswell explains, it is the possibilities of clowning that he finds most enticing. "Not the traditional clown," he points out, "but the new, dangerous clown."



The Russian company Licedei, which appears at the festival: a Beckettian degutting of clown traditions?

He mentions as an example the Russian company Licedei (pronounced Litsaday), five of whom are performing at this year's festival. Having seen a video of their show *Moumie*, I can report that they are not dangerous in the Jim Rose sense (stomach-churning feats of high tastelessness); nor in the Archaos sense (chainsaws roaring inches from your nose). *Moumie* is dark rather than deadly. If there is such a thing as the post-modern clown — one who revisits old conventions, but shows them up for the tosh they were all along — the Licedei performer might well be it.

The clowns are dressed in ultra-traditional get-up. Their routines seem half-baked. One of them tries throwing a hat on his head, for instance, but there is no climax of success. It is as if they are degutting the traditional image of the clown. There is something Beckettian about their fixations. The show might make you angry: clowns are supposed to be *funny*, after all. But it had a long-burning effect on me.

Another festival offering, Mime Theatre Project's *The Three Musketeers*, is presented by the team which created the cartoonish West End success *Thunderbirds F.A.B.* According to performer Gavin Robertson, the technique of clowning is highly relevant to MTP's brand of theatre in which, at first sight, there is not a clown to be had.

"The clown has to have an air of naivety," Robertson explains. "And the clown is always greatly beset by small problems. So *The Three Musketeers* is really about three actors playing at being the *four* musketeers, all the principal female roles, all the castles, horses and chickens, and the English Channel. And it's when you love your problems that you become ingenious."

That might be a formula for newer circus-derived shows of all persuasions. The bizarrely named *nEither Either botH and*, presented by the Gandini Juggling Project, is a meld of juggling, dance and acrobatics which attempts to transcend the tricks of these trades.

"For years juggling has been sensationalist," explains juggler Sean Gandini. "You show a sequence of tricks, and what's interesting is the novelty value. But when you hear a beautiful piece of music you don't think, 'Gosh, that pianist is playing fast'. One is mainly absorbed by the structure of the music, or the emotion that it generates. We were interested in a kind of juggling where the audience would see not just a skill, but an event concerned with space, time and structure."

This points to the way that circus skills are moving in the 1990s: a show will not depend on clapped-out stunts but will attempt to stir your imagination for a whole evening. It may be that this ambition is transitional. Perhaps it will again be possible to talk of "mime" and evoke a Marceau-figure leaning against an invisible wall: or mention "circus" and mean elephants standing on their hind legs. But I doubt it.

● *For details of the London International Mime Festival, phone 071-637 5661*

THEATRE: **Roger Bushby** on the latest development in a power struggle in Leicester

High drama at the Haymarket

The board of directors of Leicester's Haymarket Theatre is believed to have sacked its trustees in a bid to stay operational. John Blackmore, the Haymarket's chief executive, said he was not in a position to announce what decision had been taken until the 90 trust members were in receipt of a letter. However, he did confirm that plans were discussed at a meeting to "remove all members of the trust who were not on the board of directors".

The theatre — which has spawned many West End productions like *Me and My Girl* — has had an Arts Council funding threat dangling over its head for some time. The council, which is the theatre's main funder, had made it plain that it would withhold £820,000 in grant cash unless a power struggle between the board and the trustees was resolved. The council is also believed to have told the Haymarket board to "sack the trustees or lose your funding".

"I feel confident", said Blackmore, "that the decision taken at the meeting will ensure that the financial crisis which could have ensued will not now happen. It was therefore a reassuring meeting."

Trust members at the Haymarket have always had the power to appoint people to the board or remove them, and the board itself was elected by trustees, which meant that it was never completely self-governing. Rumblings of discontent over the past two years finally made the Arts Council lose patience.

If the council were to withhold its funding then the Haymarket would almost certainly have to close. Blackmore confirmed that the council wanted the board to appoint itself rather than be appointed by people who were not concerned with the theatre's administration. "We have been told that we will only get our Arts Council grant if the board governs its own membership," he said.

An Arts Council spokesman added: "We have to make sure that the companies we fund are financially and administratively, as well as artistically, sound because of our accountability for public funds."

DAWN FRENCH & JENNIFER SAUNDERS

"ARE A REVELATION" NICHOLAS DE JONGH, EVENING STANDARD

in

Me & Mamie O'Rourke

"SUBLIME COMIC GENIUS" JACK TINKER, DAILY MAIL

STRAND THEATRE
ALDWYCH, LONDON WC2
B.O. & C.C.s 071-930 8800 — 071-344 4444

LIMITED SEASON
MUST END 9 APRIL · BOOK TODAY!

SOME GOOD SEATS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

Why did power-sharing fail in Ulster? Has the Republic changed enough to reconcile Unionists to a united Ireland?

Servant of his people



Paddy Devlin: hated by the Provos



Gemma Hussey: hard on Irish men

It is easy, and often tempting, to write off Ulster as democratically "hopeless": political illiterates suited to proconsular direct rule and/or the acceptance of tribally distinct communities, only able to run their particular districts peacefully by a polite form of ethnic cleansing *avant la lettre*. Certainly, politicians who have survived the quarter-century maelstrom tend to be those reiterating slogans from behind hereditary barricades.

All the more reason, then, to pay some attention to those who do cross barriers, take unpredictable stances, and even — from time to time — change their minds. Gerry Fitt is one, and Brian Faulkner might have been another. Significantly they are two contemporaries for whom Paddy Devlin has kind words; since he makes up, emphatically, a third. His path was different from theirs: an IRA internee in the 1940s, subsequently a socialist, trade unionist, and indefatigable local politician; then organiser of Catholic defence groups in the mêlée of the late 1960s, founder member of the SDLP, a central figure in the Whitelaw talks of 1972, and prominent member of the doomed "Sunningdale" experiment in a power-sharing executive for Northern Ireland.

Roy Foster

STRAIGHT LEFT
An Autobiography
By Paddy Devlin
Blackstaff, £8.95 pbk original

His autobiography charts beginnings in the Catholic proletariat of Belfast, an education in prison ("I enjoyed every moment of the time I was in there"), and a dogged adherence to socialism and secularism. His insistence on affirming rather than swearing a parliamentary oath scandalised some SDLP colleagues: "What'll the cardinal say about that? We'll all be excommunicated." But in the end the SDLP would become the old Catholic-Nationalist party redivivus; while Devlin's formation, courtesy of G.D.H. Cole, Harold Laski and Victor Gollancz, looked like a survival from another age of political archaeology.

Nonetheless, his autobiography shows not only the liberating effect of an exotic ideology, but the sources of discontent, stretching far down into the awfulness of working-class conditions in inter-war Ulster. Devlin's route lay via the Northern Ireland Labour Party (whose success helped to precipitate O'Neill's fateful "liberalisation" in the 1960s). But his consistent opposition to the Provisional IRA is all the more striking, coming from someone who called for arming the Catholics in 1969, and made contact with sympathetic elements in the Republic. His treatment of this murky area is laconic, but the rationalisation of his own position convincing. When he changes his mind, or accepts change in others (such as the RUC), his admissions are direct and honest. And he is scathing about those unprepared to go the distance: Merlyn Rees agonising about the Sunningdale débâcle ("it was the rare time he came off the fence that caused all the trouble"), or Roy Bradford, described by Leslie Morrell, a colleague on the executive, as acting like a miner's canary sniffing gas.

Throughout, the contradictions inherent in the portmanteau title of the SDLP built up inexorably; Devlin sees the "united Ireland" priority clashing with an approach stressing cross-party intitiatives and bread-and-butter devolution. This was probably true, and the precedents for socialists in Northern Ireland government are not encouraging. There is interesting material here on the tensions between the charismatic Hume, looking to Dublin and Washington, and the Fitt-Devlin axis, concentrating on local issues. One would have liked to hear more about Devlin's scepticism regarding the Peace People of the mid-1970s. But in 1972 he could stress the SDLP's appeal to Protestants, in deliberately non-triumphalist language that still rings impressively: his reward, like Fitt's, was unremitting intimidation from the Provisionals.

Twenty years on, Hume seems to have been the more accurate prophet; though Devlin himself was allegedly ready to talk to the Provos in 1977, and today one is struck by the similarity of Sunningdale language (on the British government's part at least) to the recent Joint Declaration. On the evidence of *Straight Left*, he still feels first, that the British government has a duty to press elements in Northern Ireland towards power-sharing; and second, that a more pluralist and secularist society there is both desirable and possible. This helps to explain why he left his SDLP colleagues in the end: when he turned back, not only to his trade-union background, but to causes which epitomised this belief (honouring the poet John Hewitt, saving the Linen Hall Library, rebuilding local industry, reconstituting the Belfast Harbour Board, backing the Ulster Orchestra, encouraging integrated education). Such activities are sometimes dismissed as middle-class delusions or the strategies of covert Unionism. This memoir is a salutary reminder that their roots strike deeper, and deserve nourishing.

The pure genius of Ireland

Walter Ellis

IRELAND TODAY
Anatomy of a Changing State
By Gemma Hussey
Viking, £18.99

What sort of Ireland are the Protestants of Ulster being invited to join? It is no longer the agricultural, priest-ridden society beloved of the late Eamon de Valera, but has become urbanised and industrialised; it is an enthusiastic and successful member of the European Community.

Yet Protestants north of the border still profess to find it alien and economically backward. "We will not forsake the blue skies of freedom for the grey mists of an Irish Republic" is a Unionist slogan from the past that still finds resonance today.

Gemma Hussey, a successful businesswoman and a liberal former member of the Dáil, argues in her comprehensive analysis of the modern Republic that Ireland "stands on the threshold of a new era when its potential may be fully realised". Nowhere, however, does she demonstrate how this process would be aided by the intrusion into the system of one million Protestants, mostly disaffected and with a life-long experience of the British way of life.

Northern Ireland is a dependent economy. The Republic, though a free nation since 1921, is much the same. It looks to Europe for its salvation less in the sense of a visionary than of a supplicant. After the Edinburgh summit in December, 1992, Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, was able to tell his people that their tiny country, with a population of just 3.5 million, would receive the astonishing sum of £7.5 billion in "structural and cohesion funds" from Brussels between last year and the end of the century.

Ireland is today a contented, hard-headed region of the new Europe. It has little manufacturing industry and a consistently high rate of unemployment. But it has learnt how to govern itself to its own satisfaction and, utilising the skills of its superbly educated middle class, it masquerades as an efficient and sophisticated economy.

Many of the smart young men and women, most of them based in Dublin, who have managed this transformation of an agrarian society are wedded to the notion that sharp practice is just another phrase for good business. The fact that poverty, joblessness and immigration are endemic features of the native scene is not allowed to get in the way of their conviction that the economy is thriving: all that is needed for a final triumph, they imagine, is niche marketing and the best lobbyists in Brussels.

Seen from closer too, there is much to cheer about in Ireland's progress. The position of the Catholic Church has weakened. Parents today would rather their son became a management consultant than a priest. Contraception is at last legally available — albeit on prescription only — and abortion and divorce are the subject of intense national debate.

Young Irish people are outward-looking and optimistic. They dress well, eat well and produce some of the best rock music in Europe. The theatre and film industries are thriving, as are all branches of the arts. Nor have the Irish neglected their own culture. The Irish language, as Hussey observes, may well be in unstoppable decline, but Irish music, dance and sport exist happily alongside more pluralist pursuits. Gemma Hussey holds her country in obvious affection, but is not blind to its faults. With her experience as a member of Dáil Eireann, she points out that TDs (MPs) are interested almost exclusively in their own constituencies and pay little heed to government policy. Proportional representation and multi-member constituencies mean that Irish voters give short shrift to the deputy who neglects his backyard, and the result is an autocratic and overweening executive.

Hussey also casts a baleful eye over the position of women in the Republic. The Irish constitution, she reminds us, deals swiftly with women: "See family, sex". But even today there is evidence of neglect. A monumental three-volume anthology of Irish writers, produced in 1991 by a distinguished panel of experts, scarcely made any reference to feminist writing, or indeed to women authors of any kind. Hussey remarks: "It was as if the all-male editorial board had simply forgotten their existence."

Throughout this exhaustive, if somewhat prosaic guide, one star shines brightly out of the pages. Mary Robinson, the President of Ireland, is venerated in these pages as if she were on the road to canonisation. There is no doubt that Robinson is a welcome departure from the men in suits who previously occupied her high office. She is a liberal intellectual, a feminist and still in her forties. Yet during a visit last year to West Belfast, she made a point of shaking hands with and chatting to Gerry Adams, the President of Sinn Fein.

This is what Ulster's Protestants remember and fear about the South: the eventual subsuming of their culture into a triumphalist Catholic and Gaelic society. Hussey's book would provide those Unionists who bothered to consult it with a measure of reassurance, but it would not convince them to take the plunge. The Republic will have to evolve further still before it can truly embrace all the children of the nation.

Walter Ellis's The Oxbridge Conspiracy *will be published, later this year by Michael Joseph and Penguin.*

Feathering Britain's nests

BIRDS

The wren is the commonest British bird, with seven million pairs nesting here every summer. A Kent birdwatcher said to me the other day that, if we reckon every pair has about eight young still alive in June (a plausible figure), then at that moment there are more wrens than humans in Britain — and "what an agreeable thought that is!"

How do we know this figure? It comes from a remarkable new book, **The New Atlas of Breeding Birds in Britain and Ireland: 1988-1991**, compiled by D. W.Gibbons, J.B.Reid and R.A. Chapman *(Poyser, £40)*. Over those four years, an army of 15,000 birdwatchers scrutinised every corner of the land for the birds breeding in it, and the British Trust for Ornithology has processed their findings.

There was a forerunner to this study in 1968-72, and the book that came out then has been much cherished by birdwatchers. However, that book only recorded the presence or absence of a species in each of the tiny squares into which the country was broken up on the maps. The new book gives three maps for each species: distribution; abundance (with colours that look like a weatherman's rain map); and change since the last book.

What do we learn? Many birds of farmland have diminished in numbers, mainly because of more efficient farming: the spilt grain and the weed seeds that feed linnets and greenfinches and corn buntings are not such common features of the countryside as they were, and the fields are more silent.

Yet some species are much commoner. Sparrowhawks have recovered from eating too many small birds with pesticides in them, and at 32,000 pairs are fast catching up with kestrels at 50,000. Blackcaps have increased to half a million pairs. There has been a colossal increase in the number of fulmars nesting round northern coasts — they have spread from cliffs on to old castle windowsills and any other ledges they can find. This case shows how difficult it is to have a "green" policy — because the magnificent explosion in fulmar numbers seems to be due to the increase in waste meat thrown into the sea by those villains, the Icelandic whale fishers.

The voice of the statistician rings through this book rather more loudly than it did through the earlier one, but this is because great efforts have been made to allow for differences in the coverage of different parts of the country. There is even a map of "observer effort" showing where there were more birdwatchers at work.



Greyhens and flying blackcock from *A Country Naturalist's Year* illustrated by Rodger McPhail

There are attractive line-drawings of every species, and the short essays accompanying the maps, while carefully scientific, are often light and charming too. Their authors miss nothing that can upset a bird: we even glimpse the annoyance that is caused to golden plovers on the moors by hang-gliders.

There are some other good new bird books. **The Private Life of Birds** by Michael Bright *(Bantam, £20)* is full of entertaining tales, like that of the starling who imitated a referee's whistle and wrecked a football match, or the sparrows which dusted themselves in the sugar bowls in a works canteen. The language is simple — but look closer, and you find that he is scrupulously scientific, explaining all the diverse habits of birds by reference to the evolutionary advantages they confer. This is a kind of ornithological equivalent to *Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare*.

Two more personal books, from small publishers, are **Will's Shoot** by Will Garfit *(Sportsman's Press, £14.95)* and **A Country Naturalist's Year** by Colin McKelvie *(Swan Hill, £19.95)*. Will Garfit describes how he turned some abandoned gravel pits near Cambridge into a sporting estate and, at the same time, into a rich conservation area. Pheasants are shot while little ringed plovers nest in peace under Garfit's wing, and his motto is RSVP — "Rid Site of Vermin and Poachers". More for the Greens to ponder on.

Colin McKelvie's title is slightly misleading in that his book does not go through the year season by season: it is, rather, a series of rambling chapters on different subjects, set mainly in south-west Scotland. In "The Fringe of the Moor" he tracks down a dawn parade or "lek" of 28 blackcock, and goes on to sightings of wildcats in the heather; in "Encounters by the Hidden Loch" he discovers three young red-necked phalaropes, and quotes a verse about this species in which it is the male that incubates the eggs:

The phalarope, although red-necked,
Is also dreadfully hen-pecked.

Good company, if not brilliant writing; and jewelled illustrations by Rodger McPhail.

Finally, a plain list of all the birds there are: **A World Checklist of Birds** by Burt L. Monroe, Jr. and Charles G. Sibley *(Yale, £35)*. There are 9,702 species, ranging from the Friendly Ground-Dove and the Lazy Cisticola to the Bismarck Munia, the Iago Sparrow and the Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant. Birds they may be, but all human life seems to be there.

DERWENT MAY

NEW AUTHORS
PUBLISH YOUR WORK
ALL SUBJECTS CONSIDERED:
Fiction, non fiction, Biography, Religious, Poetry, Childrens,
AUTHORS WORLD-WIDE INVITED.
WRITE OR SEND YOUR MANUSCRIPT TO
MINERVA PRESS
2 OLD BROMPTON RD. LONDON SW7 3DQ

An ever rolling stream

Christina Koning

TIME AND WESTERN MAN
By Wyndham Lewis
Edited by Paul Edwards
Black Sparrow, £26.99/£16.99 pbk

Wyndham Lewis was one of the most prodigiously talented figures of the modernist era. Founder of Vorticism and editor of the *Blast* manifesto (1914-1915), he expounded the movement's revolutionary aesthetic both in the magnificent series of paintings and drawings produced between 1911 and 1918 and in his writings of the period, which include short stories (later collected as *The Wild Body*, 1927), an expressionist play, *Enemy of the Stars* (1914) and the first (perhaps the only) Vorticist novel, *Tarr* (1918).

After the First World War, Lewis devoted himself to writing a monumental work, part philosophy, part polemic, with the working title *The Man of the World*. This magnum opus (reputedly 500,000 words) was never published; it appeared in fragments (if such a word can be used of such sizeable volumes), including a work of political theory, *The Lion and the Fox* (1927), a novel, *The Childermass* (1928), and a philosophical work, *Time and Western Man* (1927).

The last-mentioned is the latest to be published in the excellent Black Sparrow imprint, based in Santa Barbara, which has published many of Lewis's books over the past decade, saving them from the oblivion to which less imaginative British publishers appear to have consigned them. As with the other books in the series, *Time and Western Man* is illustrated with Lewis's own drawings, and contains, as well as notes and appendices, a scholarly afterword by its editor, Paul Edwards, which shows how far the book is a defence of Lewis's own view of modernism.

This, in a nutshell, was a celebration of formal classicism — "that concrete and radiant reality of the optic sense" — as opposed to what Lewis saw as the decadent romanticism of certain trends in contemporary art, which predicated the workings of the unconscious over those of the intellect, and — influenced by fashionable theories of relativity — substituted the notion of time as "duration" for historical continuity. The chief exponent of this idea was Henri Bergson, whose lectures Lewis had attended at the Sorbonne before the First World War, but whose ideas he later repudiated.



Lewis: founder of Vorticism

Large sections of *Time and Western Man* are devoted to attacking Bergson's theories, as well as those of Einstein, Spengler, Alexander and Whitehead — but the chief interest of the book (for non-philosophers at least) lies not in these passages of characteristically irreverent analysis, but in the earlier sections, in which Lewis's critique of the new "time-philosophy" and its influence on contemporary aesthetics is applied to his fellow-writers, Ezra Pound, James Joyce and Gertrude Stein. Pound and Joyce were friends of Lewis's, comprising (with T.S. Eliot) the "men of 1914" whose artistic objectives Lewis then saw as closest to his own. By 1927, however, Lewis was concerned to distance himself from contemporaries whose theory and practice seemed to have diverged from modernist principles.

The essay on Joyce's *Ulysses* with which the first part of *Time and Western Man* concludes was, Joyce later remarked, the best hostile criticism of the book to have appeared. Lewis's analysis, which compares Joyce's obsessional fixation with the past to Proust's in *A la Recherche du Temps Perdu*, his "genial and comic" vision to Sterne's and his "stream of consciousness" method to the conversation of Mr Jingle in *The Pickwick Papers*, conveys his admiration for Joyce's technical expertise as well as his reservations about the use to which it is put: "He is become so much a writing-specialist that it matters very little to him *what* he writes, or what idea or world-view he expresses ... His technical adventures do not, apparently, stimulate him to *think*."

Whatever the justice of these remarks (and Joyce himself took them seriously enough to devote one section of *Finnegans Wake* to a debate on the politics of Space-Time with "Mr Windy Nous"), there is no doubt that Lewis believed it was incumbent upon the artist to think as well as create. The result was that he expended much time and energy producing books like this one, which, although full of dazzling aperçus on art, literature and the modern world, have inevitably dated in a way his novels have not.

All this before he was one

Lesley Chamberlain

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
A Journal of My Son's First Year
By Anne Lamott
Bloomsbury, £13.99

Poetry about infant children, rather than childhood, has traditionally celebrated love born of innocence and experience. The death which once so frequently shattered parental joy defined the beauty and sorrow of parenthood and re-echoed the Christian story. The humanist canon established a peculiarly mixed love for the infant, in which metaphysics, beauty, eroticism and Christian theology all played their attractive part.

In our healthier century Californian novelist Anne Lamott's streetwise prose account of her son Sam's first year would seem to have done with all that, beginning with a eulogy of the penis and ending with bruiser Sam's first steps. But at heart it is still theology, with the gradual death of a close friend running parallel to Sam's growth. Lamott is ill herself. She has overcome drug and alcohol addictions but is barely stable when foresaken by her fifty-something lover.

Her nappy-bound struggle to sort one end of baby from the other will satisfy parents who find publicising their bathroom scatalogical experiences eases the tension of sleepless nights. Others may observe that the nappies are the mire and this a maternal *Pilgrim's Progress*. It's about being 36 and not quite grown-up; about looking desperately for love and help from outside and loathing all establishment figures and conservative politicians; about days defined by sloth, take-away pizza and loudmouth reflections on sex; and seeing hope in a movie or a friend's offering to clean up the pigsty around you.

As Lamott says, her experience is scary stuff for cerebral types not given to seeing motherhood, nor life in general, as a dance with feelings of inadequacy and anger. Being a cerebral type (also a single mother of more or less Lamott's age), what I do find scary about this frail world is its narrowness.

Missing almost entirely is tradition. Confined to eternal darkness is that self-cultivation which once encouraged us to be our own physicians and heal ourselves. The new struggle between good and evil is between feeling good and feeling bad and poorer for not being linked to a powerful tradition and for being so thinly expressed.

Lamott is slick and funny about men, but about anything requiring sharper intellectual or emotional focus she is as soggy as a wet nappy. Even post-natal teachers of creative writing can't get away with describing T.S. Eliot as "incredibly depressing". Sam will probably look after his own intellectual development in time, but I wonder about his emotional make-up if he grows up with no internal supports, only a vague notion of love in the air. Already in the cradle those around are eating into his energy and innocence. The tradition-less world generates gargantuan spiritual hunger. His mother and her friends are also strikingly manipulative. And all this before he is one.

A scholar among hacks

Norman Stone
on a scourge of the Establishment who resented his lack of honours



"Don't you bandy dates with me!" Taylor in 1950, arguing with Fitzroy MacLean in front of New Buildings, Magdalen College, Oxford

A.J.P. TAYLOR
By Adam Sisman
Sinclair-Stevenson, £18.99

A.J.P. TAYLOR
The Traitor at the Gates
By Robert Cole
Macmillan, £40

FROM NAPOLEON TO THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL
By A.J.P. Taylor
Hamish Hamilton, £25

Central Europe is a good training ground for British history, because England was an Austria that worked. She ran a great empire, but the law ruled it, and when the time came it just dissolved itself, without creating Hitlers. If you are a Central European, knowing the career of the Habsburgs, there is therefore something very attractive about England. However, it was an attraction the more powerful the further away it was. Many British people felt very cramped at home, and felt pulled to Central Europe. Galsworthy, oddly enough, has an inkling of this when he has one of the last Forsytes succumb to the magic of the Austrian Army — not because of what it represented, but because of the sound of its name.

Taylor, born in 1906, fits somewhere in this mould, because he, too, was a sort of late Forsyte — cotton, north of England, canny, not at all happy in matters sexual, and drawn to a Central Europe that offered something else. Vienna in the 1920s, for a provincial Englishman, was an unthreatening metropolis, where your pound sterling went a long way.

He wrote some of his best essays on Central Europe, and one of his best books: *The Habsburg Monarchy*, a labour of love-hate. In a way, it is a Czech's eye view of the place: for some reason, the English North gets on with Czechs, whereas Scots get on with Poles and Hungarians. Just as in the English North, there is among Czechs a stress on the practical and a fear of anything "fancy" — and what could be fancier than the baroque that was foisted on Bohemia by the Counter-Reformation? Czechs of the anti-clerical, crypto-Protestant tradition always felt that they would have created a sort of Central European Netherlands, complete with the industrial inventiveness and legal rights that wrested the Dutch away from the control of the Habsburgs — in their case, the Spanish Habsburgs.

The Czechs are the only people east of the Rhine who come well out of Taylor's Central European studies. Italians lie, Slovaks are primitive, Ukrainians are just "Christians from here" and not a proper nation, Romanians are Ukrainians in aftershave, Germans are pompous bullies, their rulers "barbarians of genius". It is all very Czech and, true to Czech form, the only peoples east of the Rhine for whom he had a good word were the Russians and Serbs, whose old medieval monasteries he visited on holidays. The country that he, like so many intelligent Central Europeans, really liked was England. But it was Good Soldier Svejk, writing English history.

Via accounts of 19th-century European affairs, and the absorption of ten languages or so, he turned, when he was 50, to English history, and made another reputation in that. Of course it is old-fashioned history — narrative, witty, much more heavily oriented to the political than would have been fashionable even as he was writing. But his *English History 1914-1945*, or his books on the origins and course of the Second World War, are still remarkably useful if you need to look up something; and they are also classics of the language, deserving to survive in anthologies of our modern literature long after most Booker winners.

One reason is of course that they say something very powerful about Taylor's own times, as all great history books do. Hamish Hamilton have reprinted some of his essays, mainly on 19th-century Europe. I remember that style from picking up his books in Glasgow libraries when I was in my teens. He was an artist with the semi-colon, but he could also guess things that anticipated man-months of research.

I remember reading in his book on the First World War that the Russian railway system could not cope with proper troop-supply because it was taken up with transporting grain for horses. At the time, I was writing a tome on Russia in that war, and wondered why the railway system seized up. It took me weeks and weeks to work out the figures; and of course Taylor was right.

I was reminded how good he was by a long introduction that he writes, in the new volume, to a book on Europe in 1900: there, with impeccable balance, he summarises complicated social history, and makes you *want* to turn the page. It is a pity that this book did not include the superb introduction that Taylor wrote to *The Communist Manifesto*, which pokes fun at Marx.

Taylor loved England, but it was a Svejk performance, not at all kind to the "fancy" side: Tory party, classics, religion, empire, monarchy. During the 1960s, in the cheeky-chappie Wilson era, it became *ton* to make a mock of Establishments, and Taylor came into his own. He was in the first place an extraordinarily efficient populariser, and made people laugh; but he also knew what he was talking about, and read many books. As a book reviewer he was magnificent. How many people turned to *The Observer*, in the days when David Astor was editor and Terence Kilmartin literary editor, as I did, to see first of all what Taylor had to say? According to Adam Sisman, these reviews were written in an hour, though I do not entirely believe this.

David Marquand, the historian, rightly says that Taylor's attitudes marked the next generation: authority was dead, from mockery, and easy solutions à la vulgarised Keynes became the stock-in-trade of the commentators. History, in the old sense of laying down the law and consciousness of national continuity, almost died. What it left was good stories — or so Taylor resolutely pretended, observing that all philosophy of history was just "a buzzing in the ears".

It is right that he should be studied, and two books have now appeared on him. Robert Cole, an American, is a hero-worshipper, and knows his England, but he is not at home on the Central European side, mis-spells the names and the German, and thinks that the Yugoslav Party in Zagreb before 1914 was "Croat Nationalist". He is better on the English history, but there is nothing much on the private side. His is a decent performance, but he is unlucky in that another book has appeared on Taylor that is so good as almost to constitute unfair competition.

Adam Sisman's is a labour of sophisticated love. He knows in the first place about the English North, dissent, and *arrivisme* in the metropolis, but he also takes the point about Central Europe. As a description of English post-war social-intellectual history, I do not know that this book has ever been bettered. We are back into a duffel-coated Fifties world, with *Brains Trust*, Hampstead High-Minds coping none too easily with sexual liberation, and scholars still walking the quads, with chilblains and flapping gowns, thinking thoughts uninterrupted by codes of sexual harassment. Sisman has talked to many people who knew Taylor, had the run of his papers, and read all of the works with great attention. If there is anything wrong with this book, it is the English vice of fairmindedness.

Taylor was in a way ruder about himself, with his autobiography: it brought out a self-pitying, vainglorious, suspicious and mean side, with all sorts of absurd nonsense about how he had been done out of professorial chairs by various establishments. This was true enough, but he exaggerated the degree of persecution involved, and in any case what else did the anti-Establishment Taylor expect? Yes, ambitious mediocrities got gongs where Taylor had none, but "Professor Lord Svejk" would have been preposterous. Taylor did not need renown, did not want administration, and did not need such money as chairs brought.

Sisman has useful information on this. Ordinary dons in those days made £2,000 pa — equivalent, in terms of the average income, to about £80,000 today — but he earned an extra £8,000 pa in the early 1950s, which meant that he could afford a house in Regent's Park for Wife One, and another not far away for Wife Two. The country had really done him quite proud — a decent set of rooms in an interesting place, time to read books, and money enough for books to be kept dry and children to be decently educated. He could have fun. And you could not say that of many academics today, could you?

Small town in Germany

Daniel Johnson

MARPINGEN
Apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Bismarckian Germany
By David Blackbourn
Clarendon Press, Oxford, £40

Anybody who enjoyed *Heimat*, the television epic by Edgar Reiz about a village in the Hunsrück region of the Rhineland, will be riveted by David Blackbourn's *Marpingen*. It tells the history of a village in the nearby Saarland over the past century, during which it changed from a farming and mining community to a commuter town. Previously a backwater, Marpingen suddenly gained notoriety in 1876, at the height of Bismarck's *Kulturkampf* — his brutal campaign against "ultramontane" Catholicism. Three eight-year-old girls had visions of the Virgin Mary, and the Prussian state reacted to the prospect of a "German Lourdes" with a clampdown which, however, backfired.

Though its scholarship is impeccable, this highly original and elegantly written work is full of human interest and pregnant with implications for the history of Germany, of religion, and of rural society in general. It deserves to reach as wide a readership as the most celebrated historical study of a single village: Le Roy Ladurie's *Montaillou*. In David Blackbourn, this country has — I trust temporarily — lost to Harvard the world's leading expert on the neglected history of German Catholics. He is one of many distinguished British historians, among them Simon Schama and Harold James, to have moved to America.

Unlike *Montaillou*, an account of medieval heresy in Languedoc which was essentially based on the fortuitous survival of a single investigation, *Marpingen* rests on a wide variety of sources, ecclesiastical and lay. Its richness of texture results from constant, though subtle, shifts of perspective.

Blackbourn looks at the social, economic and political background, moving from a national to a regional and then a local focus, before introducing us to the *dramatis personae*. The villagers — stubborn, quarrelsome and suspicious of Protestant officials or Jewish tradesmen — are seen in the context of a rapid modernisation of rural society which often conflicted with a simultaneous religious revival. The psychology and theology of 19th-century Marian apparitions are taken seriously; Blackbourn shows how visions could exalt the subordinate status of women and children. He finds out what sort of people went on pilgrimages and in search of miraculous cures, the extent of commercial exploitation and how the liberal-led crusade against Catholicism in Prussia affected the responses of both the church and state to Marpingen. A great debate unfolds between scientific rationality and "superstition", in which liberalism proves remarkably illiberal, while the "authoritarian" state turns out to have had definite limits to its authority.

In the later chapters of the book Blackbourn gives full rein to his gift for narrative, with a detailed account of the parliamentary debate and a set-piece mass trial which ended in a humiliating climbdown for the Prussian bureaucracy and its progressive propagandists, all of whom had assumed that the visions were a "swindle".

The characters of several key personalities emerge with great clarity: Margareta Kunz, the most articulate of the three eight-year-old visionaries, whose conviction was never entirely broken by her ordeal; Father Neureuter, the parish priest, a gentle but tormented soul who was clearly out of his depth; the "devilish" Mayor Woytt, who bore a grudge against the village but eventually came a cropper; the choleric Captain Fragstein-Riemsdorff, whose troops charged the inoffensive pilgrims and villagers with fixed bayonets, and occupied Marpingen for two weeks; and Baron Meerscheidt-Hüllesem, the detective from Berlin who disguised himself as an Irish journalist called "Marlow" and whose inept skulduggery eventually caused the prosecution case to fail.

Finally, Blackbourn recounts the long aftermath: how the cult of Our Lady of Marpingen lingered on, despite the Catholic hierarchy's refusal to recognise its authenticity, and resurfaced in a chapel, built on the woodland spot where the visions had occurred just as Hitler came to power. This epilogue shows how dormant folk-memories of the *Kulturkampf* revived during the Nazi persecution of Catholics. Even in the 1950s, the chapel was the focus of a bitter dispute between church authority and popular piety.

Marpingen throws new light on three surprising aspects of 19th-century Germany: the power of religion, the weakness of the state, and the limitations of rationalism. Also it demonstrates the vitality of history. Marian visions, at Medjugorje and elsewhere, are accompanying the collapse of communism in eastern Europe, just as they did the upheavals of the past. The conflict between progressive secularism and conservative religiosity is still unresolved.

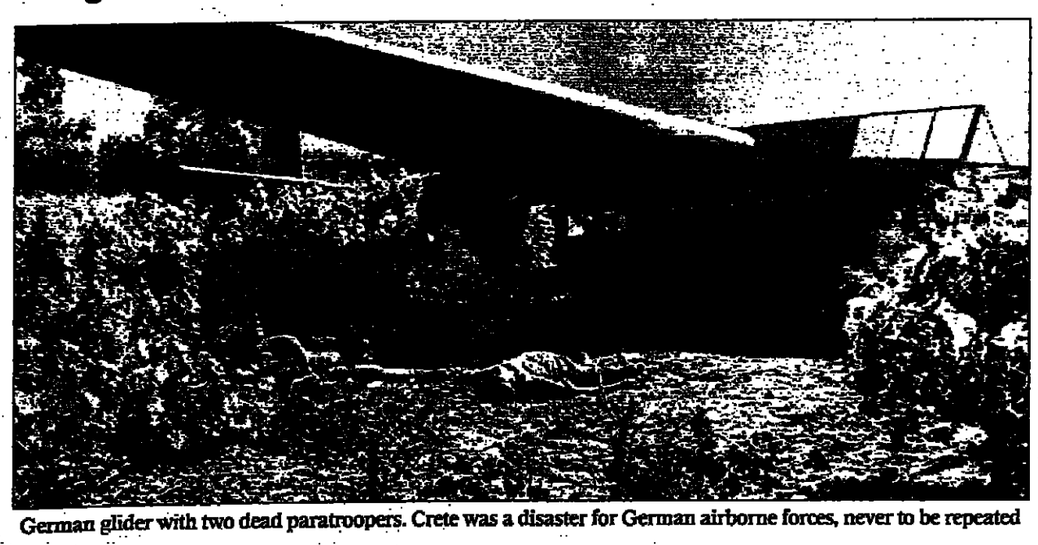
Finally, the book illuminates the "peculiarities of German history" — a subject on which Blackbourn has written brilliantly before — by showing in detail how themes of the Bismarckian era (passive resistance by Catholics, liberal deference towards authority) recurred in the 20th century, especially under the Nazis. These continuities deserve more extensive treatment.

After *Marpingen*, this marvellous microcosm of modern German history, surely Blackbourn should turn his attention to a more general history of Germany. Not since Franz Schnabel's *German History in the 19th century*, published in the 1930s, has such a work shown a serious interest in the German Catholics; Blackbourn is better qualified than anybody else alive to write such a book. In the meantime, he should urge the OUP to rush out a cheap paperback edition of *Marpingen* as soon as possible.

Bloody moment of truth for the Kiwis

D.C. Watt

THE LAST BATTLE
Crete 1941
By Callum Macdonald
Macmillan, £17.99



German glider with two dead paratroopers. Crete was a disaster for German airborne forces, never to be repeated

Callum Macdonald is a historian of considerable merit, who has written on the United States and appeasement (a book President Clinton should read), the Korean war and the assassination of the Nazi Heydrich by Czech special forces sent in from London. His study of the battle of and for Crete in May 1941, is his best.

The battle was a crushing defeat for Britain, at the end of a series of such defeats. It was also a Pyrrhic victory for Germany. The Germans took Crete from the air; their attempts to reinforce the airborne forces by sea were a disaster. They never tried to fight such a battle again. German casualties were twice those suffered by the British and New Zealand forces in dead and wounded. But they took over 11,000 prisoners, virtually destroying the New Zealand division.

The battle was a disaster for the Royal Navy, which lost by one estimate some 75 per cent of its effective forces in the Mediterranean to attacks from German dive-bombers, foreshadowing the disaster to come in 1942 off Malaya. Command of the seas out of reach of adequate air-cover was shown to be impossible.

Who was to blame? Macdonald's most valuable passages are those in which he focuses on the strengths and weaknesses of the armies and their commanders on either side. The greatest weakness on the side of Crete's defenders turn out to be the New Zealand commanders, General Freyberg, who had become so English that he felt inhibited before his brigade commanders, and the two brigade commanders, veterans of the western front in 1917-18, incapable both by imagination and temperament of the bold and immediate initiatives which might have saved the day.

For Crete really was a very close run thing. Hitler's concentration on the impending onslaught on the Soviet Union made Crete a minor operation to establish his right flank. Wavell's forces were stretched beyond breaking point, particularly in the air. Britain had one priceless asset, the ability to read the German air force ciphers, particularly important since the German airborne forces of General Student came under the Luftwaffe and not the Army. Churchill saw everything; and his pressure made the position of the commanders in the field the more difficult. This was especially true of General Freyberg, one of the few on Crete who knew of this, but had been told that Britain would rather lose Crete than the secret of their code-breaking abilities.

Nor was Freyberg helped by the Greek government, which hesitated to arm the population of Crete, whom they regarded as either subversives or bandits, or both. The Cretans fought nonetheless; but, for want of modern arms and military status, they suffered terribly at the hands of the avenging Germans.

At the end the British defeat came from their inability to reinforce, while the Germans, having won the crucial battle for the airfields, could bring in fresh troops. There were also defects in command on the Allied side, which at crucial moments might have remedied that inability. The fighting was desperately fierce; Macdonald's narrative skills are at their best in depicting these days when the battle swayed to and fro and German defeat was always possible. In the end sheer physical exhaustion reinforced the Allied weaknesses.

The evacuation was a remarkable feat; but it was only partial. The German prisoner-of-war camps had plenty of bodies to keep them filled. The downside of defeat was bitter for those left behind. General Freyberg survived to lead the Kiwis in North Africa, in Italy, and almost into war against Tito's partisans, intent on carving up the Triestino and southern Austria in 1945. The New Zealanders, like the Australians at Gallipoli a world war earlier, convinced themselves that Britain was always ready to fight its imperial wars with the blood of the Dominions rather than its own.

EDWARD W. SAID

Culture & Imperialism

"Said is a brilliant and unique amalgam of scholar, aesthete and political activist, an inspiring role for a younger generation of critics seeking for their cultural identity. *Culture and Imperialism* has an eloquent, urgent topicality."

CAMILLE PAGLIA

V A VINTAGE PAPERBACK £8.99

هكذا صفحة الأصل

Teams rely on transatlantic expertise

IndyCar building on success of its British base



Nigel Mansell's dominance in the United States has it roots in Huntingdon. **Oliver Holt** reports

UPRIGHT, mustached and balding, Bobby Rahal looks more like a small-town businessman than the last driver to win the IndyCar title before Nigel Mansell. In the season just past, he took a businessman's gamble. He tried to pioneer the construction of an IndyCar in the United States. He failed.

As Beethoven's second piano concerto played softly in the lobby of his factory in Hilliard, Ohio, camouflaging what was essentially a season of tumult and discord, Rahal pointed out that Mansell's victory in the series was neither the first, nor the only, British triumph in IndyCar history.

Apart from his own Rahal-Hogan chassis, which was abandoned in favour of the trusted Lola early in the season when he failed to qualify for the Indianapolis 500, every car in last season's races was built and powered from outlets in England. Emerson Fittipaldi's Penske Chevrolet, for example, was built in Poole, Dorset, with an engine developed by Ilmor in Northamptonshire.

Lola, who will supply ten IndyCar teams this season, unveiled Mansell's new car at its factory in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, yesterday. The company has produced the winning IndyCar chassis for the last five seasons and said the latest model, which Mansell will test at the Phoenix International Raceway, in Arizona, for the first time today would enhance his prospects of retaining his title by increasing his competitiveness on the road circuits that were his Achilles' heel last season.

It is all grist to Rahal's mill. "The biggest reason we tried to build a car over here was because the opportunity presented itself for us to be independent," he said. "When you go through an importer who supplies several teams, as Lola does, you are competing on an equal footing with them and there is no room to gain an advantage. The only way to have a true advantage is to have a car no one else could have.

"Our attempt never panned out for us and we could not afford to squander our season trying to prove the point. But it doesn't always have to be that way. The cars don't always have to be built from England, but it's a lot easier because so many of the dynamics of IndyCar racing changed with the introduction of ground effect and much of the information for that is in England."

Rahal, who will use a Lola chassis and Honda engines next season, took much of the inspiration for his project from the achievements of Roger Penske, whose team has won a record 79 IndyCar races and produces its own chassis at its English factory.

Nick Goozée, the managing director of Penske Cars in the United Kingdom, proudly surveyed both Fittipaldi's 1993 Indianapolis-winning car and the first of the five chassis needed for the new three-car team in 1994 when they were on show at the factory last November and complained mildly about some of the sniping that is still directed at IndyCar. The company employs 76 people here and is a significant part of the motor racing industry in Britain, which provides 50,000 jobs and has an annual turnover of more than £1 billion.



Goozée: respect

"I think the Formula One teams respect IndyCar and value us for what we do," he said. "They realise that we build a different type of car for a different type of racing. Of course our cars are heavyweight cars. They race on ovals, they hit concrete walls at 220mph, they need to be heavyweight. I have a picture here of Rick Mears, Paul Tracy's predecessor at Penske, lying upside down in one of them at Indianapolis, and one hour later he out on the track setting pole positions."

Goozée worked as a race car assembler at the Brabham team in the Sixties and early Seventies and has a healthy respect for Formula One and is bewildered by some of the criticism that has been aimed at IndyCar by Bernie Ecclestone, the president of the Formula One Constructors' Association, among others. "Roger would never, ever, say anything to degrade Formula One," he said. "There is too much focus on trying to make one better than the other. Some people in Formula One try to emphasise the superiority of their cars in technical terms and no one in IndyCar would dispute that. But you have to ask the question: 'Do they race better?'."

For many, that is the kernel of the issue. Some talk scathingly of manufactured IndyCar racing, of the pragmatic use of yellow flags to contrive close finishes. IndyCar may be closer, they say, but Formula One and the runaway victories of Prost or Mansell in successive Williams please many of the purists.

"I think because IndyCar has received so much more coverage this year, it has exposed some of the shortcomings of Formula One," Goozée said. "The Americans are very aware that the paying public is there to be entertained, whatever that may take. The majority of people standing on a bank in the pouring rain at Brands Hatch do not want to see an exhibition of technical excellence. They want to see two drivers racing for the lead."



Mansell's new Lola is unveiled yesterday with the design engineer, Duncan McRobbie, at the wheel

Confident Conner finds pace on course to the south

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

DENNIS Conner and his crew on *Winston* continued to make gains on the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet yesterday, reaping rewards for the gamble taken earlier this week to head south instead of follow the leading yachts east, south of Australia.

By yesterday afternoon, Winston had an 83-mile lead over her closest Whitbread 60 class rival, *Tokio*, and a 77-mile advantage over Grant Dalton's leading maxi, *New Zealand Endeavour*, which had also moved south.

Yesterday morning, *Winston* was covering the ground at 15knots, three more than *Tokio*, and looked best placed to avoid a high-pressure system that looks set to envelope the rest of the fleet today. If that happens, then it could prove almost impossible for rivals to claw back the distance, for the American yacht will be in a different weather pattern.

"They have done well," conceded Dalton, who, although his yacht is competing in a separate class, is keen not to be robbed of the kudos of finishing first into his home port. "They took a risk that we wouldn't have taken. We would never have left our main opposition uncovered like that."

Lawrie Smith, speaking over an Inmarsat link to an audience at the London Boat Show yesterday, conceded that Winston had enjoyed a lucky break. "But the next 24 hours could see a dramatic change again," he said bullishly. "A high-pressure system is approaching and the northerly boats like ourselves could benefit. We shall just have to wait and see. Whatever, there are always calms around Tasmania. That is the next corner in the course where the fleet is bound to bunch up again."

Twenty miles astern, Matt Humphries and his *Dolphin & Youth* crew battled Dawn Riley's all-women crew on *Heineken*. Both have remained close since suffering torn spinnakers at the start of the leg last Sunday and yesterday were becalmed within sight of each other.

☐ The Princess Royal called on yachtsmen yesterday to join the battle against drug-smuggling during a visit to the London Boat Show, Earls Court, where she signed a memorandum of understanding between the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and HM Customs and Excise. The RYA, of which the Princess Royal is chairman, is calling on sailors to provide a watch around the country for unusual activities at sea, such as suspicious craft anchored or the off-loading of cargo in remote areas, or suspicious signalling between vessels and the coastline.

The guidelines do stress, however, that if yachtsmen do notice anything unusual, they should not attempt to involve themselves but report the facts to a local Customs office.

More than 100,000 youngsters took advantage of the RYA's Year of Youth Initiative last year by participating in one or more of 2,600 activities. Rod Carr, the chief coach, said that the initiative would have a lasting effect on youth sailing in the UK. "We have put sailing on the agenda of 830 organisations across the country. Many clubs and schools which already provided youth activities have improved their facilities and those that didn't, now have something to offer."

At 14.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Auckland, New Zealand
WHITBREAD 60 CLASS: 1, Winston (D Conner and B Butterworth, US) 2,519 miles; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 2,602; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 2,821; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 2,822; 5, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 2,827; 6, Brookfield (G Maiolo, It) 2,842; 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 2,845; 8, Heineken (D Riley, US) 2,853; 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr) 2,886; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 2,736.
MAXI CLASS: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 2,598; 2, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 2,612; 3, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 2,625; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 2,733.
* Information provided by BT.

SPORTS LETTERS

In appreciation of guidance from athletics administrators

From Mr Peter Hodder

Sir, One cannot allow the accusations and comments so glibly made by David Miller to go unanswered.

To suggest that the administration of track and field athletics in England is incompetent, and has been so since the days of the late Marquis of Exeter, is plainly quite wrong and manifestly unfair, and as one who has been involved in national administration for not just a few years, I would like to place on record my appreciation of the guidance, assistance and good advice given to me by those poeple accused by Miller of "continuing the forlorn muddle." And if Dick Palmer and Andy Norman are the only ones who have been able to "relate to foreigners" then I wonder how it was that Sir Arthur Gold could understand them well enough, and has been held in such high esteem, as to have held the post of president of the European Athletics Association for some 12 years. Or how Marea Hartman continues to hold a senior post in the IAAF.

And if Norman is to be congratulated on "communicating" with people, many athletes might well tell Miller that, in holding fast to his club of elite athletics, Norman merely bargains with and threatens lesser competitors throughout the world. It is then greatly to the credit of that splendid champion, Kris Akabusi, that he stood firm against Norman's dictates. And it is no great surprise that Norman "keeps an open line" to Primo Nebiolo considering the grace-and-favour position in the European Association given to him by the president of the IAAF.

I think that it should be recognised that the removal of the headquarters of the IAAF from London to Monte Carlo has less to do with our administration being "ignored or rejected" than with the megalomania of Primo Nebiolo, who felt that not enough attention was being paid to him by British royalty and senior Cabinet ministers. In Monte Carlo he has the full attention of a very minor prince.

It must be said that, while Miller denigrates the old order and lauds the efforts of the Dicks and Normans of the athletics world, one should always remember that persons such as Gold, Hartman, Murray, Abrahams, etc., unstintingly used their own time and money in furthering the interests of the sport. Not for them the luxury of cavilling about salary ceilings, athletics income from commercial sources, smart marketing and other financial spin-offs.

Track and field athletics is now firmly at the feet of Mammon and it is planned that it will stay there. However, it is worth considering that it might well be rushing to its own destruction, as did the original Olympics, if ever higher costs, political interference, the use of sophisticated performance-enhancing drugs, and those ridiculous Lewis and Christie head-to-head contests are any indication of the game's future.

Peter Radford must, of course, receive every encouragement in his efforts, but if all that Miller says is true then it would seem that there is every possibility of his being gobbled up by those who advocate the hard selling of the sport, the dictates of the more and bigger sponsors, purposeful marketing, professional management, institutes of excellence, individual support plans and a host of other ideas, which will eventually put them in place to run the sport in place of Radford.

Finally, if the success or failure of the future of track and field athletics depends on the elimination of the hammer throw, the discus and the triple jump from future programmes then Heaven help us.

Were Uri Sedyck, Fortune Gordien and Willie Banks not televiewable? Or whatever other frightful word is coined to describe those who bring ever greater financial rewards to the new masters of athletics.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HODDER,
11, Girselda Park,
19, Wingerd Road,
Somerset West 7130,
Cape, South Africa.

Olympic gains

From the Chairman of The Sports Council

Sir, In his article (Leadership in Sport, December 13) David Miller wrote: "On the middle Sunday of the Olympics in Barcelona with a dozen major events under way the chairman and director of the English Sports Council could be found having dinner with each other and their wives. A 48-hour visit, the chance to learn, to research the access to power, was being wantonly wasted."

That is incorrect and misleading. Having arrived in Barcelona on July 24, the day before the opening of the Games, I spent the next day obtaining my accreditations and attending the opening ceremony. I did not return to London until August 5, four days before the closing of the Games. During my stay I covered every discipline, often several times, in morning, afternoon and evening sessions. I visited Bob Scott and his Manchester Olympic bid team; I met every UK minister and secretary of state who visited the Games, with the exception of the Prime Minister, who arrived after I had returned to London.

I visited the Olympic village twice with Dick Palmer. I hosted a lunch for members of the International Olympic Committee and two receptions and attended the Sports Aid Foundation and British Olympic Association receptions. I was at Lake Banyoles when Redgrave and Pinsent won their rowing gold medal and on the "middle Sunday" was at the canoe slalom course with Richard Fox, a member of the Council. I was also with Chris Boardman at the velodrome during his heats and semi-final and when he won the gold medal.

I returned early to London not only because I had a business to run but also to honour a long-standing invitation to the Test match at The Oval. After that I flew to Dublin for sports sponsorship discussions with the president of Heinz. If all of this is not an active programme, I would like to know what is. Incidentally, two senior members of the Sports Council staff attended the last four days in Barcelona in my place, enabling them to gain experience.

I "researched and learned" a great deal, particularly about "the access to power" within the circles David Miller purports to move. There was no "wanton waste".

Yours sincerely
SIR PETER YARRANTON,
Chairman,
The Sports Council,
Upper Woburn Place, WC1.

Whip-free trial

From Mr F. J. R. Smith

Sir, There is so much controversy in horse racing about the correct use of the whip by jockeys, so, perhaps, it might be of interest if, for a trial period, races were run in which its use was forbidden.

Yours faithfully,
F. J. R. SMITH,
Barns Close,
Dure Lane,
North Molton, South Molton,
North Devon.

Faint consolation

From Mr Colin Murray

Sir, Alan Lee states (January 8) that the South African cricket side touring Australia are not, man for man, as good as England.

Are they really as bad as that?

Yours faithfully,
COLIN MURRAY,
34, Dennis Cadman House,
Admiral Moore Drive,
Aylesford,
Kent.

Perfect world

From Mr Takako Akashi

Sir, How can nine supposedly independent judges give perfect — and therefore deciding — marks of 6.0 at a championship when there are still couples to compete?

At Sheffield last Saturday when Torvill and Dean won the British ice dancing championship, four couples were waiting to take the ice as the long line of 6.0s was flashed up. I am surprised they did not take off their skates and leave the arena.

The competition had already been pre-judged and revealed for what it really was: not a championship, but a publicity launch for Torvill and Dean.

Yours faithfully,
TAKAKO AKASHI,
5, Leopold Road,
Ealing, W5.

From Mr M. W. M. Langran

Sir, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, undoubtedly Britain's finest ever ice-dancers, have achieved perfection in the eyes of nine experienced judges. How, then, can John Hennessy have a feeling of unease? Is it that we as a nation are still prone to criticising greatness?

Yours faithfully,
M. W. M. LANGRAN,
140b, Sinclair Road, W14.

Torvill and Dean on thin ice

From Mr Steve Deeley

Sir, While I applaud the credit brought to Britain and the sport of ice dancing by the return to competition of Torvill and Dean, I find myself saddened by what it means both to the future of sport in general and the Olympic ideal in particular.

I can only imagine the sense of disillusion and anger of those other competitors in the British championships who, after years of training and dedication no less intense and worthy than that of Torvill and Dean but with far fewer facilities and opportunities, find their chances of competing at international level vanishing overnight as the superstars of yesteryear return.

It is interesting to speculate whether Torvill and Dean themselves would have made it to be champions if this situation had existed when they were up-and-coming young hopefuls.

How can this destruction of the ambitions of up-and-coming talent be either fair, or to the benefit of the sport in the longer term? How can judges be realistically expected to judge fairly a couple of Torvill and Dean's status? It would indeed take a brave soul to cast poor marks — and hence implied criticism — upon them, no matter whether they were deserved.

Torvill and Dean's overwhelming talent is not in question — they have won the British, European, World, Olympic and World Professional titles with consummate ease, and few doubt that they will do so again this time.

What is not so clear is what they are going to achieve by this latest attempt. If it is a whim, it is a dangerously self-indulgent one. Are we to see the struggle for television ratings, which many believe to be the primary motive for the re-admission of professionals, causing the destruction of the very ideal of amateur sport?

Are we going to see our idolised heroes of sporting past coming back year after year until they are eventually remembered not as inspirational, but as the people who just would not let go?

I have watched Torvill and Dean many times, and this week's "amateur" performance will be flawless and professional, I have no doubt.

But for the sake of the sport, and all struggling, genuinely amateur sportsmen I sincerely hope it is their last.

Yours faithfully,
STEVE DEELEY,
3, Sandwood Close,
Sparcells,
Swindon,
Wiltshire.

Big league ways

From Mr H. M. Don

Sir, Rob Hughes's unbalanced and contradictory attack on Everton Football Club over its appointment of Mike Walker (January 8) cannot be allowed to go unchallenged.

Hughes cannot have it both ways, alternately castigating Everton for seeking out one of the brightest managerial prospects in the game, and then blaming Norwich for not offering Walker anything remotely resembling a decent Premiership manager's contract.

This had obviously been a bone of contention with Walker long before Everton's approach. A series of low-paid one-year contracts is not the way an ambitious club rewards the man who has built its most successful side ever.

To blame Everton for taking advantage of Norwich's ineptitude is ludicrous. It was inevitable the press would speculate on Walker being considered for any vacancy at a leading club; and equally inevitable, ambitious man that he is, that Walker would eventually leave a club whose failure to reward his efforts with some measure of security must have been an insult.

One wonders what Hughes's reaction would have been had Liverpool gone "poaching" again, as they did when Graeme Souness walked out on Rangers. What about the unseemly tug of war between Aston Villa and Sheffield Wednesday for the services of Ron Atkinson?

Premiership football is a big, ruthless business and, like in any other multi-million pound industry, headhunting is a fact of life. Walker may fail at Everton and his former assistant, John Deehan, may succeed at Norwich, but spare us the righteous indignation.

Yours faithfully,
H. M. DON,
46, Westhaven Crescent,
Aughton, Lancashire.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They must include a daytime telephone number.

THE TIMES
RACING
Commentary
Call 0891 500 123
Results
Call 0891 100 123
Calls cost 36p per min cheap rate. 48p per min at all other times

Morris's failure leaves Griqualand West with too much to do

England A hold their catches at last

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN KIMBERLEY

TO BEAT the England A cricketers yesterday, Griqualand West needed the sun to burn all day and John Morris to make hay in it. Instead, this South African town noted for its heat was bathed by comforting breezes and Morris, who put England in to bat on another slow pitch, made only six as Griqualand finished 82 runs short of the England A total of 216 all out.

Whether a 50-over match in diamond country, South Africa's own "Wild West", was England's requirement at this stage of the tour is doubtful. Nevertheless they won it and, as Phil Neale, the team manager, said: "It enabled us to give Paul Taylor his first bowl, to allow Dominic Cork and Robert Croft to spend some time at the crease, and to improve our fielding."

Encouraged by John Crawley's fine catch at mid-wicket, which ended Morris's innings in the seventh over, England showed something like proper fielding form, and not before time.

Such, acting as twelfth man for his Essex team-mate, Ilott, who went off with a back spasm after bowling five overs, also held a good catch, running in from long-off to dismiss Brooker.

Ilott took both early wickets, Morris and Schonegevel, before he retired. He stayed off, "as a precaution", Hugh Morris explained, because the game was in the bag and it was not essential to recall him. Ilott is sure he will be fit to play in the four-day match against Orange Free State, which begins in Bloemfontein tomorrow.

Heavy rain earlier in the week had transformed the outfield into lush and verdant pastures so the batsmen never got full value for their strokes. Batsmen had to remind themselves that what would have been certain fours on quicker outfields yielded two runs instead, and began to favour the lofted strokes which could triple their score.

Crawley, opening the innings, established the tone in the second over when he pulled Swanepoel for six; Lathwell swiftly followed his lead with a similar stroke. Thereafter, Cork, Croft, Wells and Morris all cleared a boundary that was by no means small. There are not many days like this, when there are as many sixes in an innings as fours.

[redacted]

ENGLAND A

M N Lathwell low b van der Vyfer	23
J P Crawley c Angel b van der Vyfer	28
A Dale low b Angel	1
R D B Croft c Johnson b Williams	51
D G Cork c Brooker b Johnson	47
†S J Rhodes c Williams b Johnson	12
A P Wells c Morris b Johnson	18
*H Morris c Viljoen b van der Vyfer	15
D Gough c and b Johnson	5
M C Ilott b Johnson	1
J P Taylor not out	1
Extras (b1, lb 5, w 8)	14
Total (49.4 overs)	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-60, 3-82, 4-155, 5-164, 6-181, 7-193, 8-206, 9-208.

BOWLING: Johnson 10-1-33-5; Swanepoel 10-0-63-0; Angel 10-2-24-1; Van der Vyfer 9.4-0-34-3; Williams 10-1-58-1.

GRIQUALAND WEST

J E Morris c Crawley b Ilott	6
W E Schonegevel c Rhodes b Ilott	4
F C Brooker c sub b Dale	30
B E van der Vyfer c Rhodes b Cork	20
S Viljoen c Dale b Taylor	44
†P Kirsten run out	0
D Dstrow low b Croft	0
M N Angel not out	15
J E Johnson b Gough	0
B K Williams not out	7
Extras (lb 4, b 4)	8
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	134

A J Swanepoel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-13, 3-48, 4-93, 5-93, 6-94, 7-115, 8-118.

BOWLING: Ilott 5-2-6-2; Gough 10-2-21-1; Taylor 10-2-24-1; Cork 7-1-25-1; Dale 10-1-38-1; Croft 8-0-16-1.

Umpires: C Mitchley and B Wessels.

England were in a spot of trouble when Dale's wicket went down at 62. A fourth-wicket stand of 93 in 22 overs between Croft and Cork restored the innings to health and, although all ten wickets eventually went down, a score of 216 was worth 50 more in normal circumstances.

Neither Croft nor Cork, who both consider themselves to be all-rounders, has had much opportunity to bat on this tour. They played sensibly, putting down firm roots before going for their shots in a responsible manner even if Cork, on 28, was fortunate to see a lofted off drive fall between three panting fielders, who did not greatly admire his wondrous placement.

After Cork flashed a catch to point, Croft reached his half-century and perished at once when Williams, at long-off, presented Williams with his solitary wicket. Johnson then took four more of his own, which gave him the excellent figures of five for 33 from his ten overs. Van der Vyfer, the most deserving bowler, finished with three for 34.

In no time at all, Ilott disrupted the Griqualand innings and, when Vyfer fell to Cork, their task was to save face. Brooker, an excellent fielder, who spent a year on the MCC groundstaff, and Viljoen did most to ensure that they did not just roll over and die.

Gough bowled with as much pace as the pitch would allow, offering little that could be hit and returning to take the eighth wicket, the last one Griqualand would surrender.

Taylor, bowling within himself, got off the plane, so to speak, with ten undemanding overs. The proper cricket resumes tomorrow with the first of two first-class matches before the five-day "Test match" against South Africa A in Port Elizabeth.

Graham hits four goals to shimmer for Oxford

London University	0
Oxford University	7

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE South Africa captain, Wayne Graham, tuned up for three international hockey matches against Holland in Johannesburg at the end of the month by scoring four goals for Oxford University against London University at Paddington Recreation Centre yesterday.

Despite lacking six regular players, Oxford were too good for London, whose construction in midfield suffered for the want of a sharpshooter. Miles Johnston and John Simpson worked tirelessly in this area, but to no effect.

Oxford, working hard on a rain-soaked artificial-turf pitch, built their attacks around the skills of their former captain, Grant Edwards, the inspiration behind two brilliant goals by Chris Bloor.

Martin Le Huray, Oxford's new short-corner specialist, hit he target only once but two shots rebounded off a post and several others were taken off the line by London defenders.

London could have fielded a stronger side but decided, in the interest of team-building, not to call on players engaged in the national league. They paid a heavy price and conceded four goals by half-time.

Graham scored Oxford's first goal off the rebound in the sixth minute and Bloor followed up with the second three minutes later. Graham added the third from a penalty stroke in the 27th minute and Bloor the fourth three minutes before the interval.

Le Huray increased the lead in the second minute after the resumption of play from a short corner and Graham added two goals in quick succession. A touch of extravagance by Oxford and dour defence by London prevented further scoring.

Oxford, fourth in the second division of the national league, have high ambitions. Their coach, Gavin Featherstone, announced yesterday that they hope, with support from a printing firm, to make a training videotape that will be shown to schools around the world.

LONDON UNIVERSITY: S Dodson (Watford GS and King's); *D Hill (Seaford College and King's), *M Munro (King Edward VI Southampton and UCL, capt), P Meaklin (Loughborough GS and King's), P Brady (King Edward VI Southampton and King's), Zahaed Yousuf (Methodist College, Belfast and LSE), J Simpson (Loughborough GS and UCL), *M Johnston (The Leys, Cambridge and UCL), J Stather (St George's Weybridge and King's), I Baxter (Fettes and King's) *S Gotlinet (Repton and UCL). Substitutes: D Wright (Warwick School and UCL), R Kershaw (Pangbourne College and UCL).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: O Weesely (Wellington College and Worcester), Arshad Khan (RGS High Wycombe and Christ Church), *S Mackey (Elizabeth College Guernsey and Pembroke), J Wyatt (RGS High Wycombe and Corpus Christi), J Pratt (Trent College and University), C Bloor (Fairham Manor CS and Keble), *S Griffiths (Whitgift and University, capt), *W Graham (Grey HS, Port Elizabeth and Keble), *G Edwards (Lincoln Univ NZ and Lincoln), D Edwards (Epsom College and St Edmund Hall), M Le Huray (King's Canterbury and Keble).

Umpires: R Harrison and D Thomas (Surrey).

* a blue or purple

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Arshad Khan, of Oxford University, crouches to blunt an attack by Brady, of London University, yesterday

SPORT IN BRIEF

Great Britain at full strength for Sevens

A GREAT Britain rugby league squad including Martin Offiah, Jonathan Davies and Paul Newlove should ensure no repeat of the uproar in Australia which caused a weakened Wigan side to be barred from defending their World Sevens title last year and the withdrawal of an entry by Wales (Christopher Irvine writes). The event, in Sydney from February 4 to 6, has 27 entries, including sides from the United States, Russia, South Africa, France, Japan, Western Samoa, Tonga and Fiji.

Britain are third seeds and will learn their draw on Sunday. Brisbane Broncos, the Australia and world club champions, start favourites, but an emphasis on power and pace, with John Devereux, Shaun Edwards, the captain, Alan Tait, and John Bentley, who is in outstanding scoring form for Halifax, could well bring about an upset.

GREAT BRITAIN: J Bentley (Halifax), J Davies (Warrington), J Devereux (Widnes), S Edwards (Wigan, capt), L Jackson (Sheffield Eagles), C Joynt (St Helens), P Newlove (Bradford Northern), M Offiah (Wigan), D Powell (Sheffield Eagles), A Tait (Leeds)

Tout retains title

BOBSLEIGHING: Mark Tout retained his two-man title at the British championships in La Plagne yesterday, setting the fastest times on each of the two runs (Chris Moore writes). The army corporal, 33, and his brakeman, Lenny Paul, had the two best starts to finish 0.26sec ahead of the 1992 champion, Sean Olsson, and Paul Field. Both drivers are pre-selected to represent Britain at the Olympic Games in Lillehammer next month. Tout set the fastest time of the competition, 1min 01.30sec, on his opening run.

Rob Pope enhanced his attempt of going to Norway as the reserve driver by finishing in third place yesterday with Erik Sekwalor. They were 0.62sec ahead of the former British champion, Malcolm Lloyd and Simon Timson.

Chen's recruits

TABLE TENNIS: Chen Xinhua, the England No 1, is helping to bring three Chinese to his adopted country in a move that could prove as beneficial to the game here as his excellence on court in the past four years. He set up the contact which will result in Tong Feiming, 25, signing for the British League champions, BFL Grove, tomorrow. Next week Tong will go back home in Guangzhou and return in August with her younger sister, Tong Ming-Di. Agreement has been made for Ming-Di, a player with a chop-blocking style, against which English players rarely have a chance to practise, to sign for Grove next season.

Heinzer injured in fall

SKIING: Franz Heinzer, of Switzerland, suffered concussion and facial cuts in a fall during training at the Streif World Cup downhill course in Kitzbühel, Austria, yesterday. Heinzer, 31, the 1991 world champion, was flown by helicopter to hospital, where he was detained overnight for observation. It is not known if he will be fit to race in the downhill event on Saturday. Organisers have switched a men's World Cup giant slalom race, scheduled to be held at Adelboden on Tuesday, to another venue in Switzerland, Crans-Montana. The Tschentenalp piste in Adelboden is unsuitable because it does not conform to FIS regulations.

New post for Arnold

CRICKET: Geoff Arnold, the former England bowler who left his job as coach of Surrey last month, will take up a part-time post with the Gloucestershire coaching staff next season. Philip August, the Gloucestershire secretary, said yesterday: "He will be with us pre-season helping our medium and fast bowlers and will also be at our first and second XI matches."

☐ Leicestershire have refused Somerset permission to speak to their vice-captain, James Whitaker. Somerset had made an approach at the end of last year and were understood to be prepared to offer Whitaker, 31, the captaincy.

Unexpected success

TENNIS: Keith and Russell Glass, surprised the former champions Ray and Paul Ranson, of Sheffield, 6-7, 6-2, 7-5, to earn a place in the semi-finals of the Remington Father and Son tournament against Phil and Mark Siviter, the holders, who have dropped only four games in their two matches. The other semi-final is between Peter and Andrew Bretherton and Hiralal and Viren Soma. In the Mother and Daughter semi-finals Yvonne and Susie Durham, winners for the past two years, will meet Diane Hunter and Karen Hunter-Whishaw, and Joyce and Katie Howden play Lyn and Lorraine Paterson.

Action urged to foil Lewis fight delay

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

LENNOX Lewis's hopes of meeting Evander Holyfield for the undisputed world heavyweight title this year could be dashed by Don King, the American promoter. That was the fear of Seth Abraham, the head of HBO Sport, the American cable television company that is backing Lewis.

Abraham travelled from New York to London to impress on the Lewis camp the urgency of staging the bout as soon as possible rather than waiting until November, when Holyfield has said he will meet Lewis.

While Holyfield could be relied on to keep to his word, King's schemes could make it impossible for the bout to take place this year. Abraham explained: "If King wins the first bid in June for Lewis's mandatory defence against Oliver McCall . . . that could mean September, which will effectively end Lewis's hopes of fighting Holyfield this year."

The president of the International Boxing Federation, Bobby Lee, refuses to allow Michael Moorer, Holyfield's mandatory challenger, to step aside and let Lewis meet Holyfield in April or June. But Abraham said he would keep on trying to stage the $30 million bout (worth $12 million to Lewis) "until my head hurts me from banging against the wall".

If Abraham is unable to persuade Lee, he said HBO would give the promotion companies behind Lewis, Panix and Main Events, every support to secure the Lewis-McCall bout to prevent King from staging it in September.

Abraham believed the world wanted one heavyweight champion, and wanted to see Holyfield and Lewis box for the undisputed title.

HBO spent $26 million on unifying the heavyweight championship from 1986 to 1989. "An undisputed champion is good for the sport," Abraham said. "An undisputed champion is a walking billboard for boxing. Multiple champions decrease the value of each champion. Splitting up the championship is bad for the sport, and fans, and for business."

☐ The former world champion, Riddick Bowe, sustained a cut eye in a workout on Tuesday, forcing cancellation of his bout next month with Francois Botha in Las Vegas.



Lewis: still waiting

Veteran Sharpe's late recognition

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

THE selection of Kingsthorpe's Mick Sharpe, who is 47, to play for England in the home international bowls series at Rushcliffe, near Nottingham, in March, will give hope to middle-aged players everywhere.

Richard Corsie, the world indoor singles champion, is only 26, and the average age of international bowlers has plummeted in recent years. England's much vaunted youth policy was beginning to give the clear signal: "Over-40s need not apply".

At first glance, the contenders, in last Sunday's trial seemed to be slim, tall and dark, and between 25 and 35 years old. Athletic and fit, they would have looked equally at home at Twickenham. But Sharpe, fair-haired (some might say grey) and amply proportioned, breaks the mould — and proves that all hope for the veterans is not lost.

The Northampton lorry driver keeps a low profile. He has never won an England title, but has been in the late stages many times over many years. A workhorse of a player, his career best was reaching the semi-finals of the national pairs championship last year.

The other new cap is Lee Miller, a junior international aged 24. He tied with John Bell, one of England's top skips — and also in the team — in the trials on Sunday, and is the first player from the March club in Cambridgeshire to be capped for England. Wynne Richards, a Welsh exile, inherits the place at skip vacated by Clevedon's Pip Branfield, who has back trouble and has decided to call it a day after 15 years in the England side. Russell Morgan, the England indoor singles champion, and Brett Morley are recalled.

☐ Margaret Johnston, the women's world singles champion from Ireland, and Angus Blair, the Scottish international, look to have little chance of reaching the final of the international mixed pairs competition at the Merrylands Club in Sydney on Saturday.

They have managed just two wins from their opening five matches in the ten-team round-robin event but as only the top two qualify for the final they look to have an uphill battle ahead. They trail the leaders, Faye Craig and Phil Bushby, from New South Wales, by six points and the second-placed Australian international pair, Audrey Rutherford and Peter Rheuben, by five.

ENGLAND TEAM: Rink 1: P Butcher (Cyphers), G A Smith (Cyphers), G Harlow (City of Ely), A E Thomson (Cyphers). Rink 2: J E Redmall (Ipswich), B Jenkins (Cambridge Park), J Mills (South Forest), D S Ward (Roundwood). Rink 3: K B Morley (Nottingham), M D Bloggs (Thamesdown), C Palmer (Stanley), W Richards (Cambridge Park). Rink 4: D A Holt (Blackpool Borough), R Cutts (Ipswich), M R King (Pinewood Park), A Allcock (Bentham). Rink 5: D Morgan (East Dorset), R Morgan (East Dorset), G A Smyth (Paddington), S E Halmal (Paddington). Rink 6: J M Ottaway (Wymondham Dell), M Sharpe (Kingsthorpe), L Miller (March), J N Bell (Cumbrie). Reserves: I Worrall (North Walsham), K King (City of Ely), D Williams (Preston), K Renwick (Preston), G Burgess (Pendlewell).

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

071-782 7344

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 30463 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM
DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF THE GRASS ROOTS GROUP PLC AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 17th November 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Birmingham for the confirmation that the sum of £1,969,049 standing to the credit of the share premium account of the above named Company be cancelled.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Judge at The Courthouse, 4 Newton Street, Birmingham on 24th January 1994 at 10.30 am.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition shall be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 13th day of January 1994.
Eversheds Wells & Hind
10 Newhall Street,
Birmingham B3 3LX.
Solicitors
for the above named Company
Ref: KH/105 Tel: 021 233 2001.

No 10602 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF WIDNEY PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 6th day of December 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £1,940,778.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 24th day of January 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 5th day of January 1994.
Masons 30 Aylesbury Street,
London EC1R 0ER
Solicitors for the above-named Company. Ref: RSB/AKR.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN

TEL: 071-782 7344 or FAX: 071-481 9313

PUBLIC NOTICES

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY
Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL COURT OF GOVERNORS of this Corporation will be held at St. Thomas' Hospital, London SE1 at 3.15 pm on Thursday 16th June 1994, to receive the Annual Report of the Committee of Management, to elect Officers for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may be necessary.
Notice is also given that COURTS OF GOVERNORS, if required, will be held at 2.30 pm on the following Wednesdays in 1994:- 19th January at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich; 20th April, 20th July and 19th October at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London EC3.
29 King William Walk
Greenwich, SE10 9HD.
Cristina O'Sullivan
General Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BENSON, LEONARD GEORGE BENSON late of Barking, Essex died there on 9 January 1993
(Estate about £60,000)
BUCKLEY, LILIAN EMILY ALICE BUCKLEY SPINSTER late of Kingston, Surrey died there on 21 February 1993
(Estate about £4,000)

GOLDSTEIN nee SIMM, ELIZABETH GOLDSTEIN nee SIMM WIDOW late of Harrow, Middlesex died there on 3 May 1991
(Estate about £8,000)
HUNT nee SYVER, VICTORIA MAUD HUNT nee SYVER WIDOW late of Lewisham, London SE13 died at Gillingham, Kent on 1 August 1992
(Estate about £7,000)

JOANNOU, ANDREAS JOANNOU otherwise ANDRE JOANNOU late of Putney, London SW15 died there on 10 August 1992
(Estate about £10,000)
JONES, CHARLES HENRY JONES late of Kidderminster, Worcestershire died there on 22 May 1992
(Estate about £15,000)
NOSEK, IWAN NOSEK otherwise JAN NOSEK otherwise JOHN NOSEK late of Bradford, West Yorkshire died there on 19 November 1964
(Estate about £7,000)

PAICE nee O'SHEA, BRIGID PAICE otherwise BRIDGET PAICE otherwise BRIDGET MARY PAICE nee O'SHEA WIDOW late of Surbiton, Surrey died at Epsom, Surrey on 6 April 1989
(Estate about £15,000)
PEREIRA, ERNEST PEREIRA late of Highgate, London N6 died there on 19 June 1993
(Estate about £6,000)
SCHULTZ otherwise JUNENICKEL, WILLIAM SCHULTZ otherwise BILL SCHULTZ otherwise WILLIAM JUNENICKEL late of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire died there on 17 December 1991
(Estate about £13,000)
SHELLEY, JOHN ARQUITH SHELLEY late of Shoreditch, London E2 died there on 4 June 1992
(Estate about £8,000)
WHITTINGHAM nee CARROLL formerly BEELEY, EDITH RUTH WHITTINGHAM nee CARROLL formerly BEELEY WIDOW late of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey died there on 7 March 1993
(Estate about £20,000)
WOOD, CLIVE WILLIAM WOOD otherwise CLIVE WOOD late of Hull, Humberside died there on 12 January 1993
(Estate about £40,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (SV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, stating which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

SUMMARY OF BROADCASTING STANDARDS COUNCIL FINDING "THE CAMOMILE LAWN" CHANNEL FOUR TELEVISION: 9 OCTOBER 1993

Mrs Cook of Bedfordshire complained of nudity, explicit sexual behaviour, and bad language in the first episode of 'The Camomile Lawn', transmitted by Channel 4 between 9.00 pm and 10.00 pm on Saturday 9 October 1993. The Council had received complaints on the same grounds in 1992 when the same material was broadcast at the same time by Channel 4: then as part of a two-hour long opening episode. The Council did not then uphold complaints about nudity and explicit sexual behaviour, but, despite the presence of a warning on that occasion, did uphold complaints about the word 'fuck', used in the opening minutes of the broadcast.

In responding to the Council on the present occasion, Channel 4 said that, in its view, neither the language used nor the scenes of nudity went beyond limits appropriate to a serial of that kind transmitted later in the evening. Channel 4 apologised for the omission, through an oversight, of any warning.

The Council did not uphold the complaints about nudity and explicit sexual behaviour. In again upholding the complaint about the use of 'fuck' early in the programme, before the expectations of the audience had been formed, it regretted that Channel 4 had overlooked the views of complainants in 1992 which had been upheld by the Council. The Council's Code of Practice calls for a gradual, rather than an instant, switch by the broadcasters into more adult material at the time of the 9.00 pm Watershed. The Council, therefore, regarded with particular concern the failure to ensure that the warning given in 1992 was repeated.

Under Section 156 of the Broadcasting Act, 1990, the Council required Channel 4 to publish this summary of it's Finding.

City deal expected by weekend

Lee's consortium close to Maine Road takeover

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MANCHESTER City could have new owners by the weekend. The agreement between Francis Lee and Peter Swales for the transfer of power at the Premiership club is almost ready for signing, and the final chapter in the five-month saga of the takeover will be written at a board meeting tomorrow.

Lee, the club's former England international forward, now a multi-millionaire businessman, and his consortium have agreed to purchase the 60 per cent shareholding of the two major shareholders, Swales and Stephen Boler, who both stand to receive around £4.5 million. That puts the club value at just under £15 million.

It is expected that Lee will be in position as chairman in time for Saturday's match with Arsenal. Colin Barlow, another former City forward in Lee's group, will be named as chief executive at the same time, but the consortium are expected to retain Brian Horton as manager.

Providing funds for the team, which has won only two Premiership matches in the last 14, will be a first priority. Barlow suggested yesterday that they will also take an early look at Maine Road's rebuilding programme, which was severely criticised at the club's annual meeting.

At present the plans will reduce capacity to 21,000 next season while the Kippax Road terracing is replaced to give the club an ultimate capacity of 32,000. The consortium has grander ideas.

"We cannot live with 21,000," Barlow said. "I shall be looking at every way possible to increase the capacity. I don't care if we go upwards, backwards or sideways as long as we can find a way to get more people in.

"Admittedly 32,000 would seem reasonable when you look at the gates at the moment. But I am confident that, with Francis Lee at the helm, this club will take off and become a major force once again in English soccer, and I never want to see the day when we are locking out Manchester City fans because there is no room for them in the ground."

If expanding Maine Road beyond the present plans does not seem possible, City might consider moving base to the Olympic stadium planned by the city council in North Manchester.

John Deehan promised there would be no changes to Norwich's footballing traditions as he was confirmed yesterday as their new manager until at least the end of the season.



Deehan: new manager

Gary Megson, the Norwich midfielder, was appointed his No 2, making the pair, aged 36 and 34 respectively, the youngest managerial team in the FA Carling Premiership.

Deehan, the former England Under-21, Aston Villa and Norwich striker, said: "There will be no changes at all on the field of play. We will still attempt to play positive, attacking football with the emphasis very much on entertainment and with the intention of scoring as many goals as possible."

Norwich chairman Robert Chase said that Deehan will be on exactly the same kind of contract — a one-year roll-on deal which should be renewed in the summer — as his predecessor Mike Walker, who departed for Everton last Friday.

Terry Butcher's damages claim against Coventry City over his dismissal as the club's player-manager was settled on confidential terms outside the High Court yesterday. He sued for more than £419,000 and, although his action was technically dismissed by consent with no costs order, he made clear after the hearing that he attained at least part of what he asked for.

"I am perfectly happy with the outcome," said Butcher. "I am delighted it is all over and finally settled."

Coventry admitted wrongful dismissal in sacking Butcher without notice, but argued that it paid him £37,131 in lieu of notice and he had not suffered any loss recoverable under his contract.

Wolves' board have done an about-turn and gave the go-ahead for manager Graham Turner to spend £500,000 on Manchester United midfielder Darren Ferguson.

Turner was previously told that the club already had enough midfielders but yesterday the directors relented and Ferguson, son of United manager Alex Ferguson, completed his move.

Hartlepool United yesterday came to an agreement with the Inland Revenue by paying them an undisclosed sum to stave off a winding-up order. However, a hearing at the High Court was adjourned for two weeks as £142,000 costs are still owed to them.

Arthur Turner, the manager who took Oxford United into the Football League and Birmingham City to the 1956 FA Cup final, died yesterday aged 84. Turner took Oxford from the Southern League in 1962.



Charlie Cuthbert, left, and Norman Miller, right, the chairmen of Inverness Thistle and Caledonian with Norman Cordine, the enterprise board chairman, celebrate Caledonian Thistle joining the Scottish League

Sampras happy to bounce back after scare

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETE Sampras, the world No 1, was forced to negotiate a spot of local difficulty before squeezing into the quarter-finals of the New South Wales tennis Open in Sydney yesterday.

The top-seeded American, having been one set and 4-0 up against Jason Stoltenberg, the Australian, saw his dogged opponent storm back into a 4-2 lead in the decisive third set and was ultimately happy to escape with a 6-1, 4-6, 7-5 win.

Stoltenberg had recovered from a set and 5-0 down in his first-round match against his compatriot, Richard Fromberg, and Sampras later admitted he had feared a repeat performance at his own expense.

"I couldn't believe what happened. I was down a break in the final set and thought 'I'm pretty much history'," Sampras said.

"I completely lost my confidence but he got a little tight. I was a bit lucky." The defending champion was also unimpressed by an inflatable plastic aeroplane, painted in sponsor's colours, which was regularly blown into view above the court by the wind.

"The plane was driving me nuts. Whenever I tossed the ball up, I didn't just have the sun to deal with but also a bloody balloon." Stoltenberg rightly suggested that people would have "started talking" if Sampras had followed up his first-round loss in Qatar last week with another confidence-sapping defeat.

Thomas Muster, of Austria, and Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, seeded third and seventh respectively, both went out. Muster went down 7-6, 5-7, 6-4 to Daniel Vacek, the big-serving Czech, while Rosset lost in straight sets to the American, Aaron Krickstein.

Muster's defeat means that three of the top four men's seeds in the tournament have already dropped out. Petr Korda, the fifth seed, almost joined them, recovering from 5-4 down in the final set to beat Shuzo Matsuoka, of Japan, in a tie-break.

Ivan Lendl needed five match points before completing a 6-3 7-5 win over the Australian, Jamie Morgan.

The leading women's seeds, Conchita Martinez and Gabriela Sabatini, also reached the quarter-finals, although Martinez had to scramble for her 2-6, 7-5, 6-2 win over Wiltrud Probst, of Germany.

There were 16 service breaks, including nine in the second set alone, in a mistake-ridden match.

In Adelaide, Jim Courier turned up for his defence of the Australian Open tournament with a 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 victory over the Frenchman, Henri Leconte, in the exhibition Rio Challenge yesterday.

Patrick Rafter, of Australia, beat a jet-lagged Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in the other match in the six-man tournament at Memorial Drive. Rain had delayed the start of their match by 90 minutes.

Insurance causes headaches

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FOOTBALL clubs could face thousands of pounds worth of extra insurance bills because of a ruling made by Fifa, the sport's international governing body, yesterday. Clubs will now have to cover insurance costs for players on international duty.

At the moment, the FA insures players who play for them in international games, as do all the other national associations. But now that could change. Michel Zen Ruffinen, secretary of Fifa's players' status committee, said: "The insurance must now be met by the clubs and not the national associations."

The new ruling came into effect on January 1, and national associations around the world are being notified. Insurance for travel, sickness and injury is included in the ruling. The change was introduced because "the transfer system worldwide is changing so rapidly," Ruffinen said.

"Poorer countries are not in a position to afford the insurance. Clubs were using that argument to refuse to release players for international matches. That is not good at all. Fifa must protect the small associations, too."

Manchester United, who have more than a dozen internationals on their books, could face a substantially higher insurance bill — and the ruling is sure to aggravate further the relationship between clubs and countries.

☐ Liverpool's unsettled striker, Ronny Rosenthal, could become the latest export to Japan. The 30-year-old Israeli international has had discussions with the Yokohama club and is considering a move. Rosenthal, who is on a week-to-week contract at Anfield, said: "My main concern is for my wife and young son because Japan is a world away."

Rosenthal has made 66 league appearances for Liverpool since joining from Standard Liège in 1989, scoring 14 goals. He has had only three outings as substitute this season.

Augusto Palacios, from Venezuela, has resigned as coach of South Africa's national team to coach Turkey's first division side, Genclerbirligi. Palacios took over the South African squad in 1992, a year into the country's return to international football after the two-decade ban because of apartheid.

Speed skater puts family first

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A SISTER'S decision to donate bone marrow to her critically ill brother has probably cost her any chance of an Olympic speed-skating medal. Kristen Talbot, of the United States, is unlikely to be fit enough to practise before going with the United States team to the Winter Games in Lillehammer next month.

Dr Richard Jones, who performed the bone marrow transplant at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Tuesday, said donating marrow may slow an athlete whose success hinges on fractions of a second. One pint of marrow was taken from Talbot's bones, equivalent to the amount of blood taken during routine donations, Jones said.

During the 40-minute procedure, three holes were poked into her skin and about 100 holes were drilled into her hip to reach the marrow. Jones said Johns Hopkins performs more than 1,800 marrow transplants each year.

Jones said the two-time Olympian's blood count should return to normal within several days, but she will be "somewhat anaemic" in terms of health standards for athletes.

The expected side-effects of donating marrow are soreness and weakness, nothing that should keep Talbot from travelling to Norway for the Winter Games, Jones said. "We feel very certain she'll be able to compete," he said.

Jones said Talbot decided to donate her marrow before she even knew she was a match. Once the match was confirmed, doctors said the transplant could wait until after Talbot finished competing at the Milwaukee Olympic trials last weekend. Talbot was the fourth and final qualifier for the 500-metre speed-skating event last Saturday.

At a news conference at the hospital on Monday, Talbot said the health of her brother was far more important than her speed-skating goals.

Jason Talbot, 19, was diagnosed last month with aplastic anaemia, a disease that attacks the bone marrow and slows or halts the production of blood cells. Without a transplant or drug treatment, doctors say the condition is fatal in the 6,000 cases diagnosed each year. Doctors said they will know within a month if the transplant is successful. If so, Jason has a 75 to 80 per cent chance of a full recovery.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Detroit 86 Denver 94, New Jersey 100 Washington 115, New York 98 LA Clippers 77, Milwaukee 76 Indiana 82, San Antonio 106 Minnesota 98, Phoenix 93 Charlotte 95, LA Lakers 117 Golden State 122, Portland 108 Seattle 99, Sacramento 103 Miami 95

BOWLS

NOTTINGHAM: England International final: Red 122 Yellow 118 Pink scores (Red skips first): D Ward 21 A E Thomson 25, A Allcock 1 Dames 17 W Richards 15; J Bell 19 L Miller 17, K Renwick 21 S Holmes 21, G Burgess 17 J Wickham 17, J Humphrey 27 N J Smith 22

BOXING

DIJON: European light-middleweight championship: Javier Castillejos (Sp) bt Bernard Razzano (Fr, holder) rsf 6th

BETHNAL GREEN: WBO Penta Continental light-heavyweight championship (12 rnds): Gary Delaney (Eng, holder) bt Jim Murray (SA) rsc 7th Welterweight (6 rnds): Vince Rose bt Warren Stephens pts. Lightweight (6 rnds): Patrick Gallagher bt Mark Anthony rsc 3rd Light-welterweight (6 rnds): Shaun Cogan bt Bernard Paul pts.

CRESTA RUN

ESCALANTE CUP: (at Switz) 1, I A Scott 131 17, 2, D P Kuenzi 131 95, 3, C A Mumenthaler 132.15, 4, CWA Kopp 132.39, 5, J Andres 132.95, 6, C A Haeberli 133.38 British: 10, R M Hayner.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia 4 Ottawa 1; Pittsburgh 5 Boston 4 (OT); Washington 1 Toronto 2; Chicago 2 Buffalo 5, Dallas 5 Edmonton 2; Calgary 1 Quebec 0; San Jose 2 Los Angeles 2 (OT).

BRITISH HA: First division: Slough Jets 12 Streatham Redskins 2.

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Derby County v Watford; Stoke City v Peterborough.

COCA-COLA CUP: Quarter-final: Postponed: Nottingham Forest v Tranmere.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 0, Norwich 3, Arsenal 1, Millwall 2.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Hull City 1, Tranmere Rovers 4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: St Johnstone v Dundee United

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: First round replay: Postponed: Huntly v Albion

Late results on Tuesday

COCA-COLA CUP: Fifth round: Wimbledon 1, Sheffield Wednesday 2.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Notts County 2 Birmingham 1, Oxford United 0 Sunderland 3. Third division: Wigan 2 Walsall 2.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: quarter-finals, north: Carlisle 2 Mansfield 1 (aet, score after 90mn 1-1); Huddersfield 3 Crewe 2 (aet, score after 90mn 2-2), Lincoln 1 Chester 0, Stockport 2 Scunthorpe 0. Quarter-finals, south: Colchester 0 Wycombe 1, Fulham 1 Reading 0 Leyton Orient 1 Brentford 0, Swansea 1 Port Vale 0

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Halifax 2 Stalybridge 1, Witton 1 Runcorn 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE, Premier division: Dundee 0 Aberdeen 1; Motherwell 2 Celtic 1. First division: Clyde 0 Ayr 0; Brechin 0 Hamilton 0; Falkirk 5 Morton 1; St Mirren 3 Airdrie 0; Stirling 0 Dumbarton 0. Second division: Forfar 1 Arbroath 4; Berwick 2 Meadowbank 2; East Fife 2 Cowdenbeath 0 East Stirling 0 Alloa 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: St Albans 4 Dulwich 3; Sutton United 3 Dorking 0 First division: Worthing 5 Croydon 0

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Eastwood 0 Goole 1. Cup: Second round: Leek 3 Caernarfon 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Carlsberg Cup: Second round: Chesham 3 Ware 2; Kingstonian 4 Abingdon Town 0; Thame 2 Oxford City 0; Witham 5 Racklewell Heath 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballydrare 1 Ballymena 1

COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Semi-final: Ards 2 Glenavon 1

PONTINS LEAGUE, First division: Bolton 1 Sheffield United 3. Second division: Bradford C Grimsby 1

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Dorchester 0 Trowbridge 1. Sittingbourne 1 Sudbury 2

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (GB) 20.65 pts, 2, G Norman (Aus) 18.91, 3, B Langer (Ger) 17.19, 4, N Price (Zim) 15.82, 5, F Couples (US) 15.47, 6, P Azinger (US) 14.45, 7, Woosnam (GB) 11.41, 8, D Frost (SA) 9.79, 9, T Watson (US) 9.75, 10, C Pavin (US) 9.63.

HOCKEY

AMRITSAR: Indira Gandhi Gold Cup women's tournament: Uzbekistan 2 Italy 0.

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: Henry Leaf Cup: Qualifying semi-finals: Stan J bt Solhull 6-3, 6-3, Chanterhouse II bt Tonbridge I 6-2, 6-3. Final: Chanterhouse II (A Hamilton and C Swallow) bt Eton (Adam J Dennehy and Sir M Dunnington-Jefferson) 6-3, 6-0

TENNIS

SYDNEY: New South Wales Open, second round: Men: D Vacek (Cz Rep) bt T Muster 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; I Lendl (US) bt J Morgan (Aus) 6-3, 7-5; P Korda (Cz Rep) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 2-6, 6-4, 7-6, P Sampras (US) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, N Kulti (Swe) bt A Chesnokov (Rus) 6-7, 6-2, 6-4, R Reneberg (US) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-3, 7-5, A Krickstein (US) bt M Rosset (Switz) 6-3, 7-5, T Martin (US) bt E Sanchez (Sp) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. Women: C Martinez (Sp) bt W Probst (Ger) 2-6, 7-5, 6-2, P Fendick (US) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-3, 7-6, 2 Garrison-Jackson (US) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 7-5, 7-5, G Sabatini (Arg) bt K Po (US) 6-2, 6-1.

HOBART: Tasmanian women's tournament: S Farina (It) bt Wang Shi-ting (Tai) 7-6, 6-4, C Rubin (US) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-2, 3-6, 7-6; G Helgeson (US) bt E Zardo (Switz) 6-3, 6-2; M Endo (Japan) bt R Grande (It) 7-6, 6-3; R McQuillan (Aus) bt P Hy (Can), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; B Reinstadler (Austria) bt A Grossman (US) 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; K Boogert (Holl) bt N Muns-Jagesman (Holl) 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 6-2; L Golarsa (It) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 7-6, 1-6, 6-1.

AUCKLAND: New Zealand Open: Second round: T Enqvist (Swe) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, B Steven (NZ) bt O Fernandez (Mex) 5-7, 6-2, 7-6, M Ondruska (SA) bt J Tarango (US) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; R Gilbert (Fr) leads P McEnroe (US) 6-4, 5-2 (suspended, rain).

JAKARTA, Indonesian Open: Men: Second round: R Weiss (US) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 6-3, 6-3, Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt S Bryan 6-4, 1-0 (rtd); K Alami (Mor) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 4-1 (rtd); J-P Fleurian (Fr) bt S Siman (Fri) 6-2, 6-0; B Wijaya (Indo) bt A Olhovsky (Rus) 7-6, 6-4; D Rikl (Cz Rep) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 4-3 (rtd); M Ruah (Ven) bt C Caratti (It) 5-7, 7-6, 6-0, M Chang (US) bt B Wiryawan (Indo) 6-1, 6-0.

EASTBOURNE: Remington Family Championship: Father and Son: K and R Giuss (Surrey) bt R and P Ranson (Yorks) 6-7, 6-2, 7-5; P and M Sviter (Hereford and Worcs) bt R and D Booth (Cheshire) 6-1, 6-1; P and A Bretherton (Yorks) bt K and O Bull (South Wales) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; H and V Sonia (Middlesex) bt P and M Ratcliffe (Northumberland) 6-1, 6-1.

Mother and daughter: J and K Howden (Yorks) bt A and S Turner (Sussex) 6-3, 6-1; D Hunter and K Hunter-Wrexham (Surrey) bt M and S Cannon (Kent) 6-2, 6-4, L and L Paterson (Sussex) bt S and S Masterton (Middlesex) 6-3, 6-0.

ATP TOUR RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,128 pts, 2, M Stich (Ger) 3,445, 3, J Courier (US) 3,390, 4, S Edberg (Swe) 2,680, 5, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,590, 6, A Medvedev (Ukr) 2,415, 7, M Chang (US) 2,154, 8, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,144, 9, T Muster (Austria) 2,033, 10, C Pioline (Fr) 2,005

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Llanharan 5 Aberavon 8; Llandovery 18 Swansea 30.

FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

Club matches

Kirkcaldy v Heriot's FP (7.15)

W of Scotland v Glasgow Acads (7.0) P

FOOTBALL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Llanelli v Afan Lido (7.30)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Liverpool v Derby, Nottingham Forest v Everton, Sheffield Wednesday v Wolves, Sunderland v Leicester. Second division: Stoke v Burnley, West Bromwich v Oldham, Middlesbrough v Port Vale

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division, Portsmouth v Chelsea (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Welsh Indoor Bowls Association national championships: Pairs quarter-finals (Carlswood, Swansea)

SQUASH: National championships (Welwyn Garden City)

IOC steps up drugs campaign

OLYMPIC organisers are hoping to achieve a breakthrough in their campaign against drugs when they meet leading sports federations from across the world in Lausanne, Switzerland, today.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is seeking to bring about a unified approach to the way that different sports deal with drug offenders and will put forward proposals to that effect.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, head of the IOC's medical commission, said he would consider the meeting a success if half the 31 heads of sporting federations approved the code.

"The difficulties of certain federations have to be taken into account," he said. "For example, tennis has a long way to go in terms of dope-testing, but its senior officials have shown they are willing to do something. The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) could show the same understanding."

An IOC statement, which calls for more rapid progress on harmonising the rules for drug-testing during competition and outside, would only be the start, he said. "A commission would then take over, as it would require trips to see how things have been working out in the field."

SNOW REPORT

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (6pm) °C	snow
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	100	145	good	varied	fair	sun 1	11/1
Good cover on all slopes but some pistes icy							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	25	85	good	varied	worn	fine 0	5/1
Spring skiing conditions							
Mayrhofen	0	55	fair	varied	closed	fine 4	2/1
Plenty of good skiing available in Ziller valley							
Obergurgl	70	120	good	powder	good	sun 5	11/1
Wonderful skiing on powdery snow under sunny skies							
Schladming	30	120	fair	heavy	worn	sun 2	4/1
Generally good skiing, particularly on upper runs							
Söll	20	70	fair	varied	worn	fine 2	4/1
Snow holding up well on Eiberg, Aviaim and Stillerahm							
FRANCE							
Avoriaz	140	180	good	powder	good	fine 0	11/1
Excellent cruising on sunny slopes							
Chamonix	85	340	good	powder	good	sun 1	11/1
Perfect skiing conditions today							
Flaine	85	280	good	powder	good	fine 2	11/1
Superb sunny powder skiing							
Isola	190	290	good	heavy	good	fine 0	11/1
Perfect snow on all pistes							
La Plagne	165	330	good	powder	good	fine 3	11/1
Excellent skiing on new snow in brilliant sunshine							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	85	85	good	powder	good	fine 0	11/1
All pistes in superb condition							
Grindelwald	5	60	fair	varied	closed	sun 0	11/1
Powder skiing still available above 1,900m							
Gstaad	20	60	good	varied	fair	sun 2	5/1
Good skiing on piste on upper slopes							
Klosters	30	135	good	varied	good	fine 0	12/1
Excellent skiing in all areas after recent snow							
Villars	45	135	good	powder	good	sun 7	11/1
Excellent snow, good skiing and no queues							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

DERN

(c) Of actions, done or proceeding in secret or in the dark, kept concealed, hence, dark, of evil or deceitful nature, underhand, sly, from the Old English *derne, dierne, dyrne*, cf. Old High German *tarni* lying hid: Chaucer, *The Miller's Tale*, c. 1386: "This clerk. . . / Of dern love he cowde and of solas."

EGMA

(b) A stage rustic's blunder for *enigma*: Shakespeare, *Love's Labour's Lost*, iii, i, 73, 1588: "No egma, no riddle, no lenuoy."

WAMBLE

(a) To be qualmish, feel nausea, of the stomach or its contents, to be felt to roll about in nausea, probably two or more verbs have coalesced, cf. Danish *vamle* to feel nausea, *Latin vomere*, Greek *emein* to vomit: "This word completely turned his stomach that had already begun to wamble at the sight."

WORMLING

(a) A small worm, chiefly figuratively as a poor, despicable creature, ultimately connected with the Latin *vermis*, cf. Old Norse *yrmlingr*: "Vile wormling, Thou whose tender pride/ The weakest sunshine scarce couldst hide."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxh8+! Bxh8 2 Rxh8+ Kxh8 3 Qh6+ Kg8 4 Ng5 and if Black were merely losing his queen, he might be able to struggle on. Unfortunately, he is getting mated by Qh7+ and Qh8.

MATCHES PLAYED 8th JANUARY 1994
LITTLEWOODS POOLS
THIS WEEK 1,096 TOP DIVIDENDS OF £2,486 EACH
INCLUDES SALISBURY MAN WHO WINS £121,278
TREBLE CHANCE
24 Pts £2,486.40
23½ Pts £81.25
23 Pts £32.25
22½ Pts £15.50
4 DRAWS £5.75
10 HOMES £98.20
5 AWAYS £475.40
Dividends only. See rule 9 (b).
SO MUCH MORE TO WIN ON LITTLEWOODS, WHY SETTLE FOR LESS?
FOR COUPONS PHONE FREE 0800 800 000 - 24 HRS

Zafonic takes high rank in mediocre year

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE best horses to grace the turf during the 1993 Flat season were yesterday collectively rated the worst since modern day records began.

The comparatively meagre ability of the top two-year-olds, the classic generation, and older horses was made official with the publication of the international classifications in London. The statistics highlighted the apparently continuing downturn in the standard of European racehorses since the mid-1980s.

Zafonic, hailed as a superstar after winning the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket in record-breaking time, was judged the best three-year-old, but the rating of 130 allocated to the Khaled Abdulla-owned colt was the lowest end-of-season figure achieved by the leading member of the classic crop since the classifications began in 1977. Similarly, Sayyedati was rated the joint-lowest winner of the 1,000 Guineas and Bob's Return was statistically the worst winner of the St Leger, the final classic of the season.

Grand Lodge, winner of the Dewhurst Stakes, emerged as the best two-year-old with a rating of 120, but for the first time since juvenile figures were published in 1978 there is no horse rated above 120.

Even the Epsom and Irish Derby-winning performances of Commander In Chief are shown to have been nothing exceptional when compared to previous years. His rating of 127 means he is among the poorest winners of the Epsom classic.

The international classifications, which provide a rating in pounds for every leading horse which ran last season, offer a useful yardstick with which to compare horses over the past 17 years.

Michael Byrne, chairman of the international classifications committee, said yesterday: "Present and future racing historians may well find it one of the more forgettable seasons since international classifications began in 1977, and it is being by no means ungenerous to label 1993 an *annus mediocris*. Sad to say, it applied to the majority of age groupings and no name emerged fit to enter the pantheon of equine champions."

The year's ratings reflect the continuing decline in the ability of top horses on the Flat in Europe. The extent of the downturn can be gauged by fewer horses achieving a rating of 120 — equivalent to group one race standard for three-year-olds and above.

In 1993, the number of three-year-olds to achieve such a rating was 18, slightly better than the previous year, but the second lowest figure in 17 years. Four-year-olds and upwards also provided the second lowest number of top horses. The combined figures for three-year-olds and older horses of group one standard fell for the seventh consecutive year to a new low.

However, Geoffrey Gibbs and Ciaran Kennelly, the senior British and Irish handicappers respectively, were quick to point out yesterday that the dramatic changes in the racing programme in recent years, led by the proliferation of valuable races on the continent, have contributed to the lower ratings along with a reluctance of trainers to compete with their best two-year-olds. "There are only so many good horses and all the extra races weaken the facility for one of those horses to show how much better he or she is compared to the others. That is the main reason behind the decline in the ratings," Gibbs said.

The Dewhurst Stakes, won by Grand Lodge, was one of the few British two-year-old races where there was strength in depth. The rating of 120 allocated to Grand Lodge is below the previous worst of 123 awarded to Bakharoff in 1985. The most recent two-year-old ratings have been: 1992, Zafonic 125; 1991, Arazi 130; 1990, Hector Protector 126; 1989, Machiavellian 125; 1988, High Estate 125; 1987, Ravinella and Warning 125.

Zafonic's low end-of-season rating last year does not reflect his true ability in a career cut short due to internal bleeding. His rating of 130, achieved in the 2,000 Guineas, compares favourably with the handicapper's assessment of previous winners of the colts' classic, and is matched only in recent years by Dancing Brave.

The decision of the classifications committee to relegate Lochsong to second place behind Wolfhound in the five and six furlong category appears harsh and is bound to provoke controversy.

The handicappers concluded that Wolfhound's lone success in the group one Hazlewood Foods Sprint Cup over six furlongs at Haydock, where Lochsong finished third, was better than any of Lochsong's four victories, including her breathtaking success in the Prix de L'Abbaye at Longchamp where she beat Wolfhound comprehensively.

Jeff Smith and Ian Balding, owner and trainer of the Cartier Horse of the Year, have every reason to feel hard done by.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SPUFFINGTON
(2.20 Wincanton)
Next best: Cool And Easy
(1.50 Wincanton)

MARTIN LYNCH



Grand Lodge, seen winning the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket last October, heads the international classifications for juveniles

LEADING JUVENILES OF 1993

Grand Lodge	120	Mister Baileys	115	Celtic Arms	112
Stonehatch	119	Redoubtable	115	Chimes Band	112
Lemon Souffle	118	Carmot	114	Fumo Di Londra	112
Lost World	118	Concordial	114	Mehthaaf	112
Nicolotte	118	Las Meninas	114	Risky	112
Sunshack	118	Overbury	114	Ultimo Imperatore	112
Turtle Island	118	Psychobabble	114	Unblest	112
Coup De Genie	117	Sierra Madre	114	Zindan	112
First Trump	117	Velvet Moon	114	Alanees	111
King's Theatre	116	Wessam Prince	114	Fairy Heights	111
Owington	116	Bonash	113	Gothic Dream	111
Polish Laughter	116	Fadeyev	113	River Deep	111
Signe Divin	116	Flagbird	113	State Performer	111
Colonel Collins	115	Prophecy	113	Tatami	111
Manntari	115	Torrismondo	113	The Deep	111

The ratings are a numerical expression of a horse's ability, calculated in figures of 1lb. They reflect the past performances of a horse and are not an indicator of future performance, especially for lightly-raced two-year-olds. On good to fast ground, a length between two horses over five and six furlongs is equivalent to 3lb; over seven to nine furlongs it is equivalent to 2lb, and up to a mile-and-a-half around 1½lb.

Ascot and Newcastle are early casualties

HEAVY rain throughout Britain is continuing to take its toll on the racing programme. The meeting at Ascot tomorrow was abandoned yesterday due to waterlogging and there will be another inspection at 11.30am today to determine prospects for Saturday.

The clerk of the course, Sir Nicholas Beaumont, said yesterday: "Racing on Saturday must be considered extremely doubtful."

Saturday's fixture at Newcastle was called off yesterday, also because of waterlogging.

A precautionary inspection was taking place at 7.30am today for Wincanton, but the clerk of the course, Ian Renton, said he was confident racing would take place. "The track is perfectly raceable and we expect only a little rain overnight, but we are inspecting just in case the forecast is way out."

No problems are expected at Wetherby today or for tomorrow's surviving turf fixture at Edinburgh. Saturday's televised fixture at Warwick, which is standing by to stage the Victor Chandler Handicap Chase if Ascot is called off, is also confidently expected to take place.

Prospects look bright for Monday when the turf meetings at Fontwell and Carlise should go ahead as planned.

TOMORROW

Full guide to the 1994 point-to-point season

WINCANTON

THUNDERER
12.50 Southerly Gale
1.20 Chiaroscuro
1.50 Master Oats
2.20 Spuffington
2.50 Deep Sensation
3.20 Kiwi Velocity
3.50 Gales Cavalier

GOING: SOFT, HEAVY IN PLACES (7.30AM INSPECTION) SIS

12.50 CORSCOMBE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £2,285: 2m 6f) (23 runners)

101 6-41 GENERAL WOLFE 40 (S) (B Beedle) T Forster 5-11-12 B Powell 86
102 3-0 ARDSCUD 15 (M Bradstock) M Bradstock 7-11-6 G Upton –
103 P BALUSTRADE 37 (L Gilbert) B Stevens 7-11-6 M Stevens –
104 PU0P63 DEVIOSITY 14 (Mrs S Harper) N Ayliffe 7-11-6 W McFarland 80
105 215-233 EMPEROR BUCK 56 (BF,F) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 6-11-6 A Maguire 91
106 0-0 GUSHKA 28 (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs M McCourt 7-11-6 G McCourt –
107 0 LETS RUMBLE 18 (H Perry) R Alner 5-11-6 S Earle 74
108 0/4-5 RAKAIA RIVER 14 (Mrs J Meredith) T Forster 7-11-6 R Farrant (3) –
109 00 ROCK DIAMOND 15 (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 8-11-6 E Leonard –
110 025/1- ROYAL IRISH 280 (S) (Dr G Madan Mohan) G Balding 10-11-6 R Guest –
111 0- SARACEN'S BOY 174 (M Churches) M Churches 6-11-6 Mr B Pollock (7) –
112 P4P36/5- SHOCK TACTICS 492 (Duke Of Devonshire) B de Haan 7-11-6 S McNeill –
113 5/00-22 SOUTHERLY GALE 30 (BF) (Lord Donoughmore) M Pipe 7-11-6 R Dunwoody 91
114 43/PP2-6 SPARKLING FLAME 27 (G) (R Shaw) N Henderson 10-11-6 M A Fitzgerald –
115 54-0 TOP BRASS 40 (BF) (Top Brass Partnership) K Bailey 6-11-6 N Williamson 77
116 0-P0 TRIMAGE 40 (Mrs G Leigh) T Forster 6-11-6 C Llewellyn 72
117 0P30-30 CADOLIVE 29 (B Moten) G Ham 6-11-1 C Maude 79
118 000-4F COLETTE'S CHOICE 29 (J Cooper) G Ham 5-11-1 S Mackey –
119 P/P00/ PENLEA LADY 701 (Mrs S Addincell) Mrs M Jones 7-11-1 D Gallagher –
120 32043-5 PLACE STEPHANIE 28 (S) (Mrs A Bratt) R Rowe 8-11-1 H Davies 72
121 0 QUAGO 92 (Mrs T Lewis) R Buckler 8-11-1 J Railton –
122 54-32 SPREAD YOUR WINGS 10 (BF) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 6-11-1 P Holley 92
123 55 ANILAFFED 16 (V) (Mrs S McLean) J Akehurst 4-10-7 D Bridgwater –

BETTING: 11-4 Southerly Gale, 4-1 General Wolfe, 5-1 Emperor Buck, 11-2 Spread Your Wings, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

GENERAL WOLFE beat Ned The Hall 1½l in a 7-runner novice hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, soft). EMPEROR BUCK 12l 3rd of 8 to Nirvana Prince in a novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm). SOUTHERLY GALE 5l 2nd of 10 to Nilanous in a novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, soft). SPREAD YOUR WINGS short-head 2nd of 7 to Mr Pickpocket in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy).
Selection: EMPEROR BUCK

1.20 JAMBOREE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,616: 2m) (14 runners)

201 3/113/3 SOCIETY GUEST 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Robinson Webster Ltd) A Turnell 8-12-0 D Fortt 92
202 60P-111 CARDINAL BIRD 14 (B,D,G,S) (J Fane) S Mellor 7-11-8 Chris Webb (3) 82
203 436-F05 MARIOLINO 29 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Fletcher) K Bishop 7-11-8 M Moran (6) 97
204 24-4234 STYLE AND CLASS 41 (J Galvanoni) R Rowe 5-11-5 L Dace (3) 99
205 013035 ALOSAILI 14 (D,F,G) (Red House Racing) B Stevens 7-11-2 M Stevens (3) 91
206 222-444 MISS EQUILIA 22 (G) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 8-11-2 L Reynolds (3) 97
207 0/5/15-4 CHIAROSCURO 19 (S) (Mrs J Northover) P Hobbs 8-11-1 N Parker (3) 80
208 1043/3 KINTARO 71 (D,F) (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 8-10-12 T Jenks 87
209 150PP-4 EXACT ANALYSIS 14 (S) (Mrs E Townley-Berry) N Mitchell 8-10-10 S Curran 81
210 PP/056P GROTIUS 16 (B,D,S) (Travel Employment Group Ltd) G Ham 10-10-8 R Davis 92
211 001503 DARINGLY 16 (D,G) (Albury Racing Ltd) J McConnochie 5-10-3 E Tolhurst (6) 91
212 43-4033 BAYBEEJAY 31 (D,BF,G) (J Hall) R Brotherton 7-10-2 T Dascombe (3) 91
213 /FP0P/ COURT APPEAL 701 (F) (A Souch) R Baker 12-10-0 P McLoughlin (3) –
214 3038-P5 LUCKY BLUE 41 (BF) (Mrs S Palmer) R Hodges 7-10-0 T Thompson (3) 89

Long handicap: Court Appeal 9-5, Lucky Blue 9-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Cardinal Bird, 4-1 Chiaroscuro, 11-2 Kintaro, 7-1 Society Guest, 8-1 Style And Class, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SOCIETY GUEST 5l 3rd of 6 to Northern Saddler in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, heavy). CARDINAL BIRD beat Noble Yeoman 8l in a 7-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, heavy), with EXACT ANALYSIS (12lb better off) 14l 4th. STYLE AND CLASS 10l 4th of 11 to Jump Start in a conditionals novice handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good). DARINGLY 38l 3rd to Old Bridge at Chepstow (2m 110yd, heavy).
Selection: STYLE AND CLASS

1.50 LILLO LUMB CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,938: 3m 1f 110yd) (14 runners)

301 5-32411 CATCH THE CROSS 17 (B,F,G,S) (D Beswick) M Pipe 8-12-0 R Dunwoody 95
302 P312/11 MASTER OATS 17 (G,S) (P Mathews) K Bailey 8-11-7 N Williamson 94
303 0P5P-42 FILE CONCORD 13 (B,G,S) (Jet Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-6 I Lawrence 98
304 43010/P MIGHTY FALCON 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) (R Tory) D Elsworth 9-11-5 P Holley –
305 319-200 PAMBER PRIORY 17 (D,G,S) (D Makins) T Thomson Jones 11-11-4 G Rowe 88
306 41223P- GLENBROOK D'OR 335 (G,S) (T Leadbeater) A Wilson 10-11-2 B Clifford 96
307 PP2P-54 AUCTION LAW 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Gillins) D Barons 10-11-1 J Frost 93
308 1025-0R FALSE ECONOMY 10 (D,G,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 9-11-0 D Gallagher 97
309 311-FP2 RAFIQ 16 (F,G,S) (J Carrington) Mrs J Retter 9-10-5 M A Fitzgerald 93
310 651-142 WARNER FOR WINNERS 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (Warner Sports) P Hobbs 8-10-4 G McCourt 91
311 134-235 SUNLEY BAY 25 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Barber) P Nicholls 8-10-2 A Maguire 99
312 4224-31 COOL AND EASY 35 (G,S) (H Pelham) J Gifford 8-10-0 D Murphy 99
313 3P-3343 SHASTON 14 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (Kavanagh Roofing Limited) W G M Turner 9-10-0 R Greene 92
314 4P21/6-P TAGMOUN CHAUFOUR 47 (G) (Avalon Ltd) A Barrow 9-10-0 B Powell –

Long handicap: Tagmoun Chaufour 8-12.

BETTING: 3-1 Master Oats, 4-1 Cool And Easy, 5-1 Catch The Cross, 6-1 Warner For Winners, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CATCH THE CROSS beat Jailbreaker 15l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, heavy). MASTER OATS beat Dandy Minstrel 12l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, soft). FILE CONCORD 7l 2nd of 4 to Steel Abbey in a handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, soft). WARNER FOR WINNERS 1l 2nd of 12 to Avonburn in a handicap chase at Windsor (3m, soft). FALSE ECONOMY refused 3 out. COOL AND EASY beat Duo Drom 15l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Fakenham (3m, good). SHASTON 27l 3rd of 5 to Tammy's Friend in a handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, heavy).
Selection: COOL AND EASY (nap)

2.20 CORSCOMBE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £2,285: 2m 6f) (23 runners)

401 5-1 ELAINE TULLY 23 (S) (Mrs P Wilkins) P Hobbs 6-11-7 M Hourigan 69
402 00-5 ACHIEVED AMBITION 35 (G Johns) M Williams 6-11-6 M Mann –
403 BEACHY GLEN 1150F (G Ham) G Ham 7-11-6 S Mackey –
404 4 BITTER ALOE 42 (G Harwood) G Harwood 5-11-6 M Perrett 79
405 00-06 CUMREWS NEPHEW 10 (G Cahill) R Brotherton 6-11-6 D Bridgwater –
406 1/5P EASTERN RIVER 17 (G) (Gunston Equine) T Forster 8-11-6 B Powell –
407 0-5 GLENTOWER 22 (Lord Swaythling) N Henderson 6-11-6 R Dunwoody 75
408 05-005 GREEN'S GAME 14 (M Green) N Mitchell 6-11-6 G Upton –
409 0/P4 IT'S CONFIDENTIAL 17 (P Holden) B Barnes 7-11-6 Mrs C Worsnacott 62
410 0/04-6 MAHATMACOAT 14 (C Unwin) Mrs J Retter 7-11-6 M A Fitzgerald –
411 MAJOR MINER (Mrs E Haycock) G Balding 6-11-6 E Leonard –
412 211-005 MASTER BAVARD 34 (B,G) (M Saunders) M Saunders 6-11-6 V Slattery 67
413 620-UP MERLIN ROCKET 36 (R Callow) R Callow 6-11-6 C Maude –
414 50 MR WILBUR 40 (P Tylor) R Frost 6-11-6 J Frost 64
415 0-8 MY DEAR GOOD MAN 15 (Mrs A Grantham) R Alner 6-11-6 T Grantham –
416 0/P004P PHAROAH'S SON 12 (T Johnsey) Miss C Johnsey 8-11-6 S Earle –
417 0/034-03 SIMON JOSEPH 14 (Mrs G McFerran) T Forster 7-11-6 A Maguire 86
418 00-2 SMITH'S BAND 36 (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-6 I Lawrence 99
419 5905 SOLO GENT 17 (A King) A Jones 5-11-6 S McNeill 69
420 52-3 SPUFFINGTON 40 (J Clopet) J Gifford 6-11-6 D Murphy 97
421 0208/34 TALBOT 40 (J Dean) C Egerton 8-11-6 J Railton 93
422 00 MISS CRUISE 15 (C Bowkett) N Babbage 7-11-1 W Humphries –
423 MISS PARKES 542F (P Clarke) P Clarke 5-11-1 T Dascombe (7) –

BETTING: 7-2 Spuffington, 4-1 Smith's Band, 11-2 Glentower, 6-1 Elaine Tully, 8-1 Talbot, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ELAINE TULLY beat Too Sharp 3l in a novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, heavy). BITTER ALOE 15¾l 4th of 14 to Spirit In The Nite in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). SIMON JOSEPH about 8¼l 3rd of 10 to Castle Court in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). SMITH'S BAND 1½l 2nd of 14 to Arctic Course in a novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, heavy), with PHARAOH'S SON 78½l 8th. SPUFFINGTON 3rd of 19 to Bond Jnr in a novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft) with MR WILBUR 8th.
Selection: SMITH'S BAND

2.50 JOHN BULL CHASE (£5,183: 2m 5f) (6 runners)

501 211-222 DEEP SENSATION 40 (F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 9-11-10 D Murphy 99
502 B23/063- ELFAST 369 (F,G,S) (J Webber) J Webber 11-11-10 G McCourt 75
503 /24114/ TOBY TOBIAS 672 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 12-11-6 R Dunwoody –
504 236/P-PP HICKELTON LAD 10 (F,G) (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 10-11-2 M A Fitzgerald –
505 24F133 POPPETS PET 17 (G) (D Line) J Mullins 7-11-2 S Earle 55
506 1/6PP6- RUSSELL ROVER 250 (D,G) (J Ostler) G Ham 9-11-2 B Powell –

BETTING: 1-2 Deep Sensation, 7-2 Toby Tobias, 6-1 Elfast, 25-1 Poppets Pet, 66-1 Hickelton Lad, Russell Rover.

FORM FOCUS

DEEP SENSATION 1½l 2nd of 7 to Sybillin in the grade II Tingle Creek Limited Handicap Chase at Sandown (2m, good). ELFAST 18½l 3rd of 6 to Ensee-H in a handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good to soft). TOBY TOBIAS a distant 4th of 8 in the grade I 1992 Gold Cup at Cheltenham (3m 2f, good), finished lame. Previously beat Espy 1½l in a 4-runner conditions chase at Windsor (3m, good). POPPETS PET 16½l 3rd of 8 to Easy Buck in the grade II Noel Novice Chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: DEEP SENSATION

3.20 EBF BLACKMORE VALE MARES NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,002: 2m) (14 runners)

601 1P1P-F3 FANTASY WORLD 16 (G,S) (Mrs F Welch) J Gifford 8-12-0 D Murphy 86
602 214-P2F KIWI VELOCITY 10 (G,S) (A Stoddart) P Hobbs 7-11-10 M Hourigan 88
603 305-65P KETTI 14 (F,G,S) (Berkshire Commercial Ltd) D Williams 9-11-5 R Dunwoody –
604 P/FF-113 BARONESS ORKZY 31 (D,S) (C Paterson) P Nicholls 8-11-2 R Greene 89
605 540616 PRUDENT PEGGY 17 (S) (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 7-11-0 J Frost 99
606 10P-PFF NICKLUP 31 (BF,S) (Lord Cadogan) T Forster 7-11-0 B Powell 94
607 044114 MAGGOTS GREEN 10 (D,BF,S) (E Hayward) J Bradley 7-10-12 R Farrant (3) 95
608 245/5UU TURKISH STAR 29 (K White) G Ham 9-10-9 S Mackay –
609 4-2362P HAND OUT 16 (Melplash Racing) R Buckler 10-10-8 S Earle 97
610 006PP3 PALM SWIFT 14 (M Gomez) A Chamberlain 8-10-0 S McNeill 80
611 6/P0/ BAGS 1482 (S) (M Lee) C Popham 10-10-0 I Lawrence –
612 0/43-U34 WEST LODGE LADY 134 (Mrs M Cox) N Thomson 9-10-0 P Holley 74
613 0F043/6- GLADYS EMMANUEL 251 (T Pocock) R Pocock 7-10-0 C Maude –
614 0P05/5P PLATINUM SPRINGS 40 (R Paterson) J King 7-10-0 N Williamson –

Long handicap: Palm Swift 9-13, Bags 9-13, West Lodge Lady 9-9, Gladys Emmanuel 9-8, Platinum Springs 8-7

BETTING: 100-30 Fantasy World, 7-2 Kiwi Velocity, 9-2 Maggots Green, 5-1 Baroness Orkzy, 11-2 others.

FORM FOCUS

FANTASY WORLD 3¼l 3rd of 4 to San Lorenzo in a novice chase at Kempton (2m, good to soft). KIWI VELOCITY 2½l 2nd of 8 to Kalansia in a novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, heavy), with PRUDENT PEGGY (14lb better off) over 30l 6th. BARONESS ORKZY beat Father Ralph 12l in a novice handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110y, soft). PRUDENT PEGGY beat HAND OUT (6lb better off) 12l in a novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, soft). MAGGOTS GREEN beat Dawn Chance 5l in a chase at Hereford (2m, heavy)
Selection: BARONESS ORKZY

3.50 SPETISBURY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,495: 2m) (21 runners)

1 5-13 FRIENDLY FELLOW 10 (S) (The Radio Three) D Elsworth 5-11-11 P Holley 94
2 00/63 BIDDLESTONE BOY 17 (Mrs P Cottle) D Barons 7-11-5 R Davis (3) 74
3 2-0 BRAVE HIGHLANDER 47 (S Embiricos) J Gifford 6-11-5 D Murphy 89
4 30 COMEDIMAN 22 (D Nicholson) D Nicholson 6-11-5 R Bellamy 89
5 2-204 CONEY ROAD 22 (T Eaves) D Elsworth 5-11-5 A McCabe 88
6 5 DESERT RUN 15 (P Barber) P Nicholls 5-11-5 A Maguire –
7 0P FIFTH IN LINE 40 (Mrs J Edwards-Heathcote) T George 6-11-5 C Maude –
8 0 FOUR HEARTS 22 (Mrs M Bunting) T Forster 5-11-5 B Powell 76
9 242 GALES CAVALIER 48 (T Whatley) D Gandolfo 6-11-5 R Dunwoody 99
10 P GOLDEN FELLOW 10 (Mrs J Meade) Martyn Meade 6-11-5 J Railton –
11 05- GREENHIL TARE AWAY 266 (J Shedden) P Hobbs 5-11-5 M Hourigan –
12 6/4/ ILE DE SOO 811 (R Hawkins) R Rowe 8-11-5 H Davies –
13 JOURNEYS FRIEND (P Wetfield) N Henderson 6-11-5 M A Fitzgerald –
14 MAMES BOY (M Pinse) J Gifford 7-11-5 E Murphy –
15 F0 POLDEN PRIDE 14 (D Lockyer) G Balding 6-11-5 R Guest –
16 40 PRINCE TEETON 40 (Mrs S Richards) R Buckler 5-11-5 S Earle –
17 50/000- RIVAGE BLEU 293 (C King) J King 7-11-5 Mr E James (7) –
18 0 THREE OF CLUBS 43 (Club Ten) Miss H Knight 5-11-5 N Williamson –
19 0 MAGGIE TEE 36 (R Sturgis) N Mitchell 6-11-0 G Upton –
20 P MYSTICAL MISTRAL 35 (G Roe) G Roe 7-11-0 D Gallagher –
21 0 CORNELIUS O'DEA 75 (Fayers Brown Ltd) R Hodges 4-10-7 W Irvine –

BETTING: 9-4 Gales Cavalier, 5-1 Brave Highlander, 6-1 Friendly Fellow, 7-1 Coney Road, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

FRIENDLY FELLOW 5l 3rd of 14 to Squire Silk in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). BRAVE HIGHLANDER 25l 7th of 19 to Large Action in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110y, good). CONEY ROAD 14l 4th of 17 to Konvekta King in a novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, soft), with FOUR HEARTS 10l 7th and COMEDIMAN 10l 11th. GALES CAVALIER 4l 2nd of 15 to Arctic Kinsman in a novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good).
Selection: GALES CAVALIER (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	13	42	31.0	M Hourigan	7	25	28.0
M Pipe	27	90	30.0	R Dunwoody	22	105	21.0
J Edwards	3	12	25.0	D Murphy	6	35	17.1
D Nicholson	10	41	24.4	B Powell	12	77	15.6
R Alner	4	19	21.1	P Holley	8	56	14.3
A Turnell	7	37	18.9	R Farrant	3	23	13.0

Ladbrokes RACING SERVICE
0891 222 + LIVE
ALL TRACKS 111 125
WINCANTON 101 201
WETHERBY 102 202
LINGFIELD 103 203
Calls cost 36p/min cheap, 48p/min other times.

RAPID RACELINE
FULL RESULTS SERVICE
0891-168-168
BEFORE THE OFF RESULTS
0891 168+ COMMENTARY
WETHERBY 101 201 301
WINCANTON 102 202 302
LINGFIELD 103 203 303
IRISH 120 220 320

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Kelso

Going: soft (heavy in places)

1.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, LOTHIAN PILOT (T Reed, 7-4 fav); 2, Paddy Morrissey (A Dobbin, 66-1); 3, Road By The River (M Dwyer, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Tallywagger, 11-2 Big Mac (6th), 8 Finch's Gem (5th), 20 Kilcolgan (4th), 50 Deep Haven, Lady Be Brave, 66 Great Legend (f), Roughside (pu). 11 ran. 7l, 1½l, 2l, nk, 1½l. L Lungo at Carrutherstown. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £8.40, £2.10. DF: £207.10. CSF: £73.96.

1.40 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, MISS PLUM (P Niven, 5-1); 2, Savoy (N Doughty, 8-13 fav); 3, Majority Major (C Grant, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Par-Bar (5th), 10 Corston Rambo (6th), 20 Bells Hill Lad (4th), 66 Kirkcaldy (pu), 100 Doady Royal (ur), Mossiman (pu). 9 ran. NR: Dig Deeper. 7l, 5l, 10l, nk, dist. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £7.30; £1.40, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £5.20. CSF: £8.53.

2.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, ISLAND GALE (A Thornton, 20-1); 2, Run Pet Run (A Dobbin, 9-4 fav); 3, Forth And Tay (P Williams, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 The Malcombe Oak (4th), 9-2 Celtic Boy (ur), 12 Bold Spartan (pu), Wheat Fettle (5th), Zam Bee (pu), 100 Rawyards Brig (f). 9 ran. 2l, 2½l, 7l, 1½l. D McCune at Bishopton. Tote: £22.10; £3.10, £1.20, £4.30. DF: £22.70. Trio: £61.50. CSF: £59.89. Tricast: £603.66.

2.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, CARNETTO (F Leahy, 5-1); 2, Kenilworth Lad (P Niven, 4-1); 3, The Grey Monk (N Doughty, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Easby Joker, 12 Scarf (5th), 25 Don't Tell Judy, 50 Rallegio (6th), 100 Callernoy (4th), Prince Baltasar (pu), Roman Sword (ur), Time Piece (pu), 200 Sams-The-Man (pu), 500 Fine Oak. 13 ran. 1½l, 12l, 10l, 3l, 4l. R Brewis at Belford. Tote: £8.50; £2.00, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £9.20. CSF: £22.01.

3.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, BELDINE (T Reed, 8-1); 2, Pinemartin (N Leach, 10-1); 3, Absailor (P Williams, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Terrible Gel (f), 3 Positive Action (4th). 5 ran. 7l, 2l, 12l. P Monteith at Rosewell. Tote: £9.80; £3.00, £2.80. DF: £19.80. CSF: £57.58.

3.40 (2m 2f hdle) 1, ARAGON AYR (A Dobbin, 13-8 fav: Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Sensool (B Harding, 12-1); 3, Ballyford (P Williams, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Port In A Storm (6th), 12 Golden Reverie (4th), 14 Captain Tancred (r), 16 Elgin (5th), 25 Loving Omen, 33 Bold Mood, Mac Rambler, 100 Pit Pony. 11 ran. NR: Starstreak. 2½l, 15l, nk, 8l, hd. P Monteith at Rosewell. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £2.70, £2.10. DF: £13.10. Trio: £22.60. CSF: £19.98. Tricast: £69.42.

Placepot: £178.60.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Scotoni (D O'Sullivan, 7-2); 2, Mizyan (10-11 fav); 3, Lusty Lad (5-2). 4 ran. ½l, 2½l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £6.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.17.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, Rarfy's Dream (A Maguire, 4-6 fav); 2, Whippers Delight (5-2); 3, Murphy (10-1). 5 ran. 4l, 20l. J Banks. Tote: £1.20; £1.70, £1.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.78.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Nearly Honest (A Tory, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Erlong (6-4 jt-fav); 3, Quinta Royale (10-1). 5 ran. 6l, 20l. R Hodges. Tote: £2.50; £1.80, £3.00. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.92.

2.45 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Wild Strawberry (M Richards, 4-6 fav); 2, Midday (11-2); 3, Musical Phone (14-1). 9 ran. 5l, 25l. Miss B Sanders. Tote: £1.70; £1.50, £3.30, £1.80. DF: £4.90. CSF: £5.42.

3.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Greenwine (M Richards, 7-4 fav); 2, Mutual Benefit (9-2); 3, Do Be Ware (9-4). 5 ran. 12l, 25l. Mrs L Richards. Tote: £2.40; £2.50, £2.10. DF: £8.40. CSF: £9.18.

3.45 (2m flat) 1, Linton Rocks (A Dicken, Evens fav); 2, Aslar (100-30); 3, Little Bertha (4-1). 8 ran. 2½l, 25l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £12.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £5.20.

Placepot: £37.40.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, Pridwell (R Dunwoody, 11-2); 2, Strictly Personal (11-2); 3, Lylord Cay (13-8 fav). 9 ran. NR: Pipers Reel. 15l, 3½l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.40; £2.30, £2.30, £1.20. DF: £29.50. CSF: £34.01.

1.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Kaher (T Jenks, 3-1 fav); 2, Nanny Margaret (12-1); 3, Omidjoy (4-1). 9 ran. NR: Lizzie Drippin. 10l, 15l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £2.10, £1.90. DF: £98.80. CSF: £34.56.

2.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Crews Castle (W J Walsh, 7-2); 2, Meksharp (16-1); 3, Cozzi (25-1). Millies Own 9-4 fav. 11 ran. 3½l, dist. J Jenkins. Tote: £3.20; £2.00, £4.40, £9.90. DF: £28.20. CSF: £52.03.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Star Market (T Wall, 8-1); 2, Merlins Wish (7-4 fav); 3, Green's Seago (13-2). 8 ran. NR: Majal, Scrabo View. Hd, 1½l. Mrs P Joynes. Tote: £13.70; £2.80, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £21.40. Trio: £16.80. CSF: £22.07. Tricast: £91.48.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Tristan's Comet (B Dalton, 8-1); 2, Eastern Magic (7-1); 3, Howgill (14-1). Gymcrak Sovereign 9-4 fav. 9 ran. 8l, 3½l. J Harris. Tote: £5.90; £1.80, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £14.40. Trio: £26.70. CSF: £44.19. Tricast: £515.07.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Elegant King (M A Fitzgerald, 6-1); 2, Flyaway (15-8 fav); 3, St Villa (9-2). 8 ran. 3l, 3l. A Jarvis. Tote: £6.80; £1.10, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £7.20. CSF: £16.22. Tricast: £48.70.

Jackpot: £14,915.60 (0.2 winning tickets. Pool of £16,806.36 carried forward to Wincanton today).

Placepot: £96.50.

WETHERBY

THUNDERER
1.10 Devilry. 1.40 River Bounty. 2.10 **CLYDE RANGER** (nap). 2.40 Doradus. 3.10 Threeoutoffour. 3.40 Tiderunner.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.10 **NATIVE WORTH.**

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.10 HEALAUGH NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,373: 2m) (11 runners)

1 2031 DEVILRY 10 (D,S) G Moore 11-5 J Callaghan 96
2 5051 NATIVE WORTH 15 (D,S) J Jefferson 11-5 P Williams (5) 99
3 6 BALLYSPARKLE 39 J Eyre 10-12 A Mulholland –
4 3 BERING ISLAND 24 W Bentley 10-12 N Bentley (3) 82
5 4 DANCE FEVER 94 Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12 M Dwyer 59
6 000 HO-JOE 5 J Carr 10-12 N Smith 71
7 4F0 IJAB 15 J Parkes 10-12 C Grant 76
8 5 MALAWI 92 W Bethell 10-12 B Storey 71
9 MURPHY'S HOPE 83F T Tate 10-12 W Fry (7) –
10 NETHERBY SAID M Wane 10-12 C Dennis –
11 SHARKASHKA 82F M H Easterby 10-7 L Wyer –

4-1 Bering Island, 9-2 Devilry, 5-1 Native Worth, Sharkashka, 7-1 Dance Fever, 10-1 Ho-Joe, 12-1 Ijab, 14-1 Ballysparkle, Malawi, 16-1 others.

1.40 WIKE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,590: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 5536 RIVER BOUNTY 26 (D,F,G,S) J Upson 8-12-0 D Winter (7) 98
2 1423 CROSS CANNON 33 (F,G) J Hellens 8-11-3 P Waggott 99
3 P/2 THE MALTKILN 35 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 11-10-6 D Bentley 87
4 6-00 FAST CRUISE 75 (C,G,S) E Owen jun 9-10-0 A Dobbin 80
5 53-6 MILITARY HONOUR 55 (B,G,S) J Swiers 9-10-0 N Bentley 87
6 056S CONCERT PAPER 15 (V,G,S) R O'Leary 10-10-0 K Davies (7) 80
7 /0-6 CAROUSEL CROSSETT 13 E Caine 13-10-0 P Williams –

2-1 The Maltkiln, 3-1 Cross Cannon, River Bounty, 8-1 Fast Cruise, 12-1 Concert Paper, 14-1 Military Honour, 25-1 Carousel Crossett.

2.10 COLLINGHAM NOVICES CHASE
(£3,850: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 1F13 BRACKENFIELD 41 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-3 P Niven 98
2 F5P1 CANTGETOUT 17 (S) C Pinney 8-11-6 Mr A Pickering 82
3 P012 PLAYFUL JULIET 17 (V,G,S) T Caldwell 6-11-6 Pat Caldwell 95
4 /4-4 BOWLANDS WAY 10 (G,S) J Eyre 10-11-5 A Mulholland 79
5 -20P BUCKWHEAT LAD 27 P Cheesbrough 6-11-5 L Wyer 83
6 0-V2 CLYDE RANGER 17 (S) M Hammond 7-11-5 C Grant 99
7 354- DEVONGALE 364 M H Easterby 8-11-5 R Garritty 79
8 00P/ EXTRA SPECIAL 1099 G Richards 9-11-5 N Doughty –
9 0202 MONAUGHTY MAN 10 E Caine 8-11-5 P Williams (5) 79
10 4504 SHELTON ABBEY 15 (F,G,S) J Hellens 8-11-5 T Reed –

6-4 Brackenfield, 3-1 Clyde Ranger, 8-1 Playful Juliet, 10-1 Cantgetout, Devongale, Monaughty Man, Shelton Abbey, 14-1 others.

2.40 COWTHORPE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,132: 2m) (11)

1 -246 BO KNOWS BEST 17 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 5-12-0 M Dwyer 92
2 -422 HOME COUNTIES 17 (V,S) D Moffatt 5-11-10 D J Moffatt (3) 99
3 200- GREY POWER 68F (C,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-13 P Niven 88
4 6F10 KANNDABIL 17 (B,CD,G,S) N Tinkler 7-10-11 E Husband (5) 98
5 -005 FAMILY LINE 6 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-10-6 F Perratt (5) 92
6 888/ CANDID LAD 91F (F) M Wane 7-10-0 C Dennis –
7 -565 PERSONAL HAZARD 17 (B,CD,S) M H Easterby 5-10-0 L Wyer 96
8 051/ HUSO 484F (D,F) P Haslam 6-10-0 S Taylor (7) –
9 31-0 DORADUS 27 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-0 F Leahy (7) 83
10 F-F2 PINECONE PETER 35 (F,S) O Brennan 7-10-0 M Brennan 91
11 3006 WAKE UP 26 (D,F,B,S) R O'Leary 7-10-0 – 98

4-1 Grey Power, 5-1 Home Counties, Pinecone Peter, 6-1 Bo Knows Best, 8-1 Doradus, Family Line, Kanndabil, 10-1 Huso, 12-1 Personal Hazard, 16-1 others.

3.10 KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,305: 3m 110yd) (8)

1 -435 VERY VERY ORDINARY 26 (D,G,S) J Upson 8-12-0 R Supple 92
2 -26F MERRY MASTER 16 (CD,F,G,S) R Armytage 10-11-6 Gee Armytage 99
3 1F44 LOGAMIMO 65 (C,BF,F,G,S) J Hellens 8-10-7 T Reed 98
4 /53- DEEP COLONIST 364 (D,G,S) T Tate 12-10-6 M Dwyer 98
5 2-22 CANDY TUFF 48 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-0 L Wyer 97
6 41-1 THREEOUTOFFOUR 28 (C,G,S) O Brennan 9-10-0 M Brennan 95
7 14-1 MATT REID 27 (D,G,S) J Leigh 10-10-0 J Callaghan 96
8 24-P MR SETASIDE 26 (D,S) J Mackie 9-10-0 B Storey 97

7-2 Candy Tuff, 4-1 Merry Master, Threeoutoffour, Very Very Ordinary, 5-1 Matt Reid, 10-1 Deep Colonist, Logamimo, 14-1 others.

3.40 WHIXLEY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,487: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 53/2 AL'S ALIBI 96 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 P Niven 95
2 5 ASK TOM 40 T Tate 5-11-0 R Garritty 82
3 00 BALLYROVERS 13 M W Easterby 5-11-0 Mr S Swiers 82
4 -066 BLAYNEYS PRIVILEGE 10 R Woodhouse 7-11-0 N Doughty 87
5 0 FINAL DILEMMA 69 K Morgan 5-11-0 A S Smith –
6 0/4- HAZEL CREST 408 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-0 M Dwyer 72
7 LAST REFUGE T Carr 5-11-0 B Storey –
8 0/ MARKS REFRAIN 1383 (G) E Caine 10-11-0 Mr R Hale (5) –
9 MERRY PANTO J Upson 5-11-0 R Supple –
10 5-32 SCOTTON BANKS 28 (BF) M H Easterby 5-11-0 L Wyer 98
11 00 SOUNDS GOLDEN 28 M Avison 6-11-0 C Grant –
12 0 TIDERUNNER 13 J Glover 6-11-0 T Reed 86
13 62 WEY I MAN 33 R Collins 5-11-0 J Callaghan 99
14 2/ YOUNG GUS 709 Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 R Hodge –
15 655- YOUNG PARSON 420 E Owen jun 8-11-0 A Dobbin 85
16 00 ANNE CARTER 14 C Smith 5-10-9 M Ranger –
17 P6F CEREAL GEM 13 W Haigh 6-10-9 D Byrne –
18 3-5P INDIAN ORCHID 82 Mrs M Reveley 7-10-9 J Lonergan (7) –

5-2 Scotton Banks, 3-1 Al's Alibi, 5-1 Hazel Crest, Wey I Man, 12-1 Ask Tom, Tiderunner, 14-1 Marks Refrain, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Armytage, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 32 from 95, 33.7%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 18 from 83, 21.7%; G Richards, 19 from 90, 21.1%; M H Easterby, 22 from 109, 20.2%; M W Easterby, 9 from 52, 17.3%.

JOCKEYS: Gee Armytage, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; D J Moffatt, 4 from 14, 28.6%; L Wyer, 28 from 107, 26.2%; P Niven, 33 from 135, 24.4%; N Doughty, 15 from 63, 23.8%; D Bentley, 5 from 24, 20.8%.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
1.30 Nobiely. 2.00 Ben Zabeedy. 2.30 Blasket Hero. 3.00 Saahi. 3.30 Nearly Honest. 4.00 Fawley River.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

1.30 QUENTIN DURWARD NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,769: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

1 1311 AL FORUM 24 (G) W Guest 4-11-8 D O'Sullivan
2 314 NOBLELY 37 (G) N Walker 7-11-5 R Marley
3 5-PF FREDWILL 65 (B) A Moore 7-11-2 J Clarke (7)
4 6053 GROG 7 S Sherwood 5-11-2 J Osborne
5 0-30 JUMPING JUDGE 48 T Thomson Jones 7-11-2 D Meade
6 2/5 SINCLAIR BOY 15 A Foster 8-11-2 E Byrne
7 D K KEALY 475F P Mitchell 4-10-5 M Richards
8 0PP TOP GUNNER 44 (V) Mrs M Long 4-10-5 G Crone (7)

7-4 Nobiely, 9-4 Al Forum, 5-1 Jumping Judge, 6-1 Grog, 7-1 D K Kealy, 16-1 Sinclair Boy, 25-1 Fredwill, 66-1 Top Gunner

2.00 GUY MANNERING CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,907: 2m) (16)

1 3-60 SOMERSET DANCER 24 (G,S) W Guest 7-12-0 D O'Sullivan
2 P LORD NASKRA 17 I Campbell 5-11-10 J Twomey (5)
3 D401 BEN ZABEEDY 7 (C,F,G) R Akehurst 9-11-4 J Osborne
4 P3P6 MILL BURN 7 I Campbell 5-11-4 R Campbell
5 -45P EARLY BREEZE 22 (CD,F,G) P Evans 8-11-2 Leanne Eldredge (7)
6 -200 MASROUG 14 (BF,S) A Moore 7-11-2 M Richards
7 150 WORDSMITH 16F (V,S) D Burchell 4-11-2 D Burchell
8 1054 COOCHIE 49 (B,F) R Baker 5-10-13 L Harvey
9 F RED LEADER 26 G Charles-Jones 4-10-12 D Meade
10 00P0 BARTON ROYAL 49 (V) P Ritchens 4-10-10 S Fox (7)
11 020 KUTAN 13 A Foster 4-10-10 E Byrne
12 60 TAKE THE MICK 49 (B) S Mellor 4-10-10 A Procter (3)
13 2000 WONDERFUL YEARS 16 J Pitch-Hayes 4-10-6 A Thornton (3)
14 P GYPSY LEGEND 5F W G M Turner 4-10-5 R Darke (7)
15 F NYMPH ERRANT 35 S Knight 4-10-2 Mr H Moore (7)
16 04 LADY RELKO 13F R Voorspuy 4-10-0 A Tory

5-2 Ben Zabeedy, 4-1 Mill Burn, 6-1 Coochie, 7-1 Wordsmith, 8-1 Gypsy Legend, Masroug, Somerset Dancer, 12-1 Kutan, 14-1 Early Breeze, 16-1 others.

2.30 WAVERLEY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,815: 3m) (11)

1 P-F1 JARRWAH 7 (CD,G) J Spearing 8-11-12 (6ex) W Marston
2 30-4 JADIDH 7 (F,G,S) C Weedon 6-11-10 D Salter (5)
3 5P05 CARFAX 7 (B,CD,G,S) R Hoad 9-11-6 M Hoad
4 /6-F FOUR STAR LINE 10 (F,S) W G M Turner 9-11-4 R Darke (7)
5 -3FR RUBINS BOY 22 (F) S Sherwood 8-11-3 M Richards
6 -830 BLASKET HERO 44 (B,F) Mrs S Williams 8-11-1 J Osborne
7 0/40 SUNSET AGAIN 42 (F) P Ritchens 9-11-0 S Fox (7)
8 /PPP WAVERLEY BOY 29 (G) K Cunningham-Brown 12-10-1 V Smith
9 P000 BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 43 (D,F,G,S) J Bradley 8-10-0 D Matthews (5)
10 /0-P CRUISE CONTROL 30 F O'Mahony 8-10-0 E Murphy
11 /PU LOWICK LAD 65 Mrs M Long 7-10-0 S Keightley

2-1 Jarrwah, 7-2 Jadidh, 4-1 Carfax, 9-2 Rubins Boy, 6-1 Blasket Hero, 14-1 Sunset Again, 20-1 Four Star Line, 33-1 others

3.00 WEATHERBYS NEWCOMERS SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,830: 2m 2f) (10)

1 0/P- JAN-RE 482 (C,G) F Murphy 10-12-0 P Murphy (7)
2 3-35 PHILIP'S WOODY 70 (C,G) N Henderson 6-11-10 Pat Thompson (7)
3 5-60 SING THE BLUES 61 (CD,G) C Benstead 10-11-0 D Morris
4 4014 SANDRO 17 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) R Baker 5-10-13 L Harvey
5 3000 AS D'EBOLI 13 (F) M Hammond 7-10-7 Kate Sellars (7)
6 /P-6 YUVRAJ 22 (S) B McMath 10-10-7 S Keightley
7 06-F TOUCHING TIMES 42F (BF) R Rowe 6-10-6 C Burnett-Wells (5)
8 2RUR WEST BAY 13 (F) T Thomson Jones 8-10-6 S Smith Eccles
9 2211 SAAHI 7 (C,G,S) C Weedon 5-10-6 (6ex) J Osborne
10 5506 TEMPORALE 22 (D,F,G,S) K Burke 8-10-0 R Marley

7-4 Saahi, 3-1 Philip's Woody, 7-2 Sandro, 8-1 Yuvraj, 10-1 As D'Eboli, 12-1 Sing The Blues, Touching Times, 20-1 West Bay, 33-1 Jan-Re, Temporale

3.30 IVANHOE MARES NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,630: 2m 4f) (4)

1 6063 PROVERBS GIRL 22 G Balding 9-12-0 S Fox (7)
2 0350 POLLY MINOR 28 G Enright 7-11-9 A Dicken (5)
3 0062 HULLO MARY DOLL 15 S Mellor 5-10-7 A Procter (3)
4 0031 NEARLY HONEST 1 R Hodges 6-10-7 (7ex) A Tory

6-4 Nearly Honest, 9-4 Hullo Mary Doll, 7-2 Proverbs Girl, 6-1 Polly Minor

4.00 RED GAUNTLET NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,548: 2m) (9)

1 COLOSSUS OF ROADS T Thomson Jones 5-11-7 Guy Lewis (7)
2 FAWLEY FLYER W G M Turner 5-11-7 R Darke (7)
3 MIGHTY MAURICE A Foster 5-11-7 J McCarthy (5)
4 RATAKINS W Guest 5-11-7 Mr R McGrath (7)
5 JOYFUL JENNY D Thom 5-11-2 A Thornton (3)
6 0/6- RUSTIC ROMANCE 295 R Hodges 6-11-2 W Marston
7 DUPAD R Rowe 4-10-9 C Burnett-Wells (5)
8 ESPERER J O'Donoghue 4-10-9 A Dicken (5)
9 TOUGHNUTOCRACK J Parvert 4-10-9 S Arnold (7)

7-4 Colossus Of Roads, 9-2 Joyful Jenny, 6-1 Dupad, Ratakins, 7-1 Fawley Flyer, 10-1 Rustic Romance, 12-1 Esperer, 14-1 Mighty Maurice, 25-1 Toughnutocrack.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Akehurst, 5 winners from 10 runners, 50.0%; F Murphy, 3 from 7, 42.9%; J Spearing, 9 from 22, 40.9%; C Weedon, 4 from 11, 36.4%; D Burchell, 3 from 9, 33.3%; R Hoad, 4 from 17, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: A Dicken, 18 winners from 48 rides, 37.5%; M Hoad, 5 from 21, 23.8%; S Smith Eccles, 7 from 30, 23.3%; S Keightley, 7 from 31, 22.6%; W Marston, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

□ Nearly Honest completed a remarkable record for her dam, Miss Saddler, when winning the first race of her career at Lingfield yesterday. She is the fourth of Miss Saddler's offspring to have raced and all have now been successful following Teletrader, Knight In Side and Northern Saddler. Nearly Honest runs again in the 3.30 at Lingfield today.

Rich variety makes for season to savour



As the PGA European Tour tees off, **John Hopkins**, golf correspondent, looks at what the year has in store

Have some Madeira, my dear, Donald Flanders and Michael Swann sang 30 years ago. Europe's professional men golfers will have some Madeira, cake and drink, when the first tournament of the season, the Madeira Island Open, begins today. The start of the PGA European Tour marks the start of the golfing year in Europe, amateur and professional, men and women, though some of those who were at Rye for the President's Putter last week maintain that their event really got golf under way in 1994.

I suspect 1994 will be a relatively ordinary year for the Royal & Ancient game, an opportunity to look at the broad canvas of golf, from the men's European Tour to the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour to the leading events of the men's and women's amateur seasons. There is no Ryder Cup, so the men's European Tour need not be slavishly followed. There are other forms of golf and people other than men professionals who play the game.

There is, for example, the chance to watch the best amateurs in the world in France in the autumn. From September 28 to October 1, the women compete for the Espirito Santo Trophy, the women's world amateur team championship, at the National Golf Club outside Paris. A week later, it is the turn of the men and the prize is the Eisenhower Trophy. It is not Paris in spring, but Paris *en automne* is not a poor substitute.

Best of all, there is the prospect of red-blooded competition in two women's team events in the United States and the teams from this side of the Atlantic are defending both trophies. The Curtis Cup will be staged at the Honors Course in Chattanooga at the end of July.

There should be an excellent match at The Greenbrier, West Virginia, in October when the American professionals try to regain the Solheim Cup, which they lost so sensationally at Dalmahoy one damp weekend 15 months ago. The Americans did not like losing then; they will be anxious not to lose again.

So if it is not a Ryder Cup year, will there be no talk of the Ryder Cup? Far from it. In the spring the Ryder Cup joint venture committee will announce which of the Spanish venues will be the site for the 1997 match. The front runner is Valderrama, the exclusive club near Gibraltar. Other contenders include Las Brisas, near Marbella, Novo Sancti Petri, near Cádiz, and a clutch of courses in Madrid — La Moraleja, Club de Campo and RACE.

The city of Madrid is said to be interested, though why anybody would want to run the risk of having to sit in an enormous traffic jam in Spain's capital is beyond me. Even the chance to visit the Prado does not fully compensate for that.

For the first time Sky Sports will televise the majority of the 42 events — worth £25 million in prize-money — from the men's professional tour, following the striking of a deal with the PGA European Tour last summer. Sky Sports will televise, among others, the Bell's Scottish Open the week before the Open Championship, the European Open in September, the Dunhill Cup from St Andrews and the Ryder Cup next year from Rochester, New York. Losing the Dunhill Cup is no great hardship to the BBC.

Last month, Jonathan Martin, head of BBC Television sport, was sensitive about both Sky Sports and the European Tour, neither praising nor damning either. He is philosophical about what seemed at the time to be a slap in the face. "If you think the BBC is going back to its bunker miffed, then it is not," he said. "Our job is to deliver sport to an audience that pays us to deliver it to them. There is not much of significant weight missing that we would like to have. From April through to October there will be at least one big televised event each month." These include three of the four major titles — the US PGA Championship is still under negotiation — the Volvo PGA and the Toyota World Match Play Championship.

It does mean, though, we will hear less of Peter Alliss. It would be good to think that the BBC will reassess its coverage and consider bringing in some men under 40 to join the commentary team — or be daring and go for somebody under 30 who is in touch with the players.

By the end of this season, we will know the answers to a few questions. Can Wales win the men's home internationals to go with their status as European team champions? It would be a welcome precursor to their centenary year which falls in 1995 when the Walker Cup will be staged at Royal Porthcawl.

A treat will be in store for the Americans on that occasion. They will use a clubhouse largely unchanged since the last century with wooden lockers in which prime ministers and playboys have hung their clothes. At high tide the sea is nearer to Porthcawl's clubhouse — 50 yards — than to any other in the world.

This year we shall see how Tony Jacklin makes out on the USPGA Seniors' Tour and how David Feherty performs on the USPGA Tour. Jacklin will be 50 in July and is in Florida preparing for his assault on the multi-million dollar circuit. Feherty will be missed in Europe because he always has a quip for the occasion. "I was like a blind man looking for a black cat in a darkened room," he said, describing his attempts to play golf a few years earlier.

This year, too, we shall see what changes will occur to Greg Norman following his departure from the International Management Group and the establishing of his own management company. Losing Norman was bad news for IMG as he was one of its leading clients and highest earners. It is hard to believe that Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer will turn 37 this year, while Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam will be one year less. Who are the Europeans who might replace them?

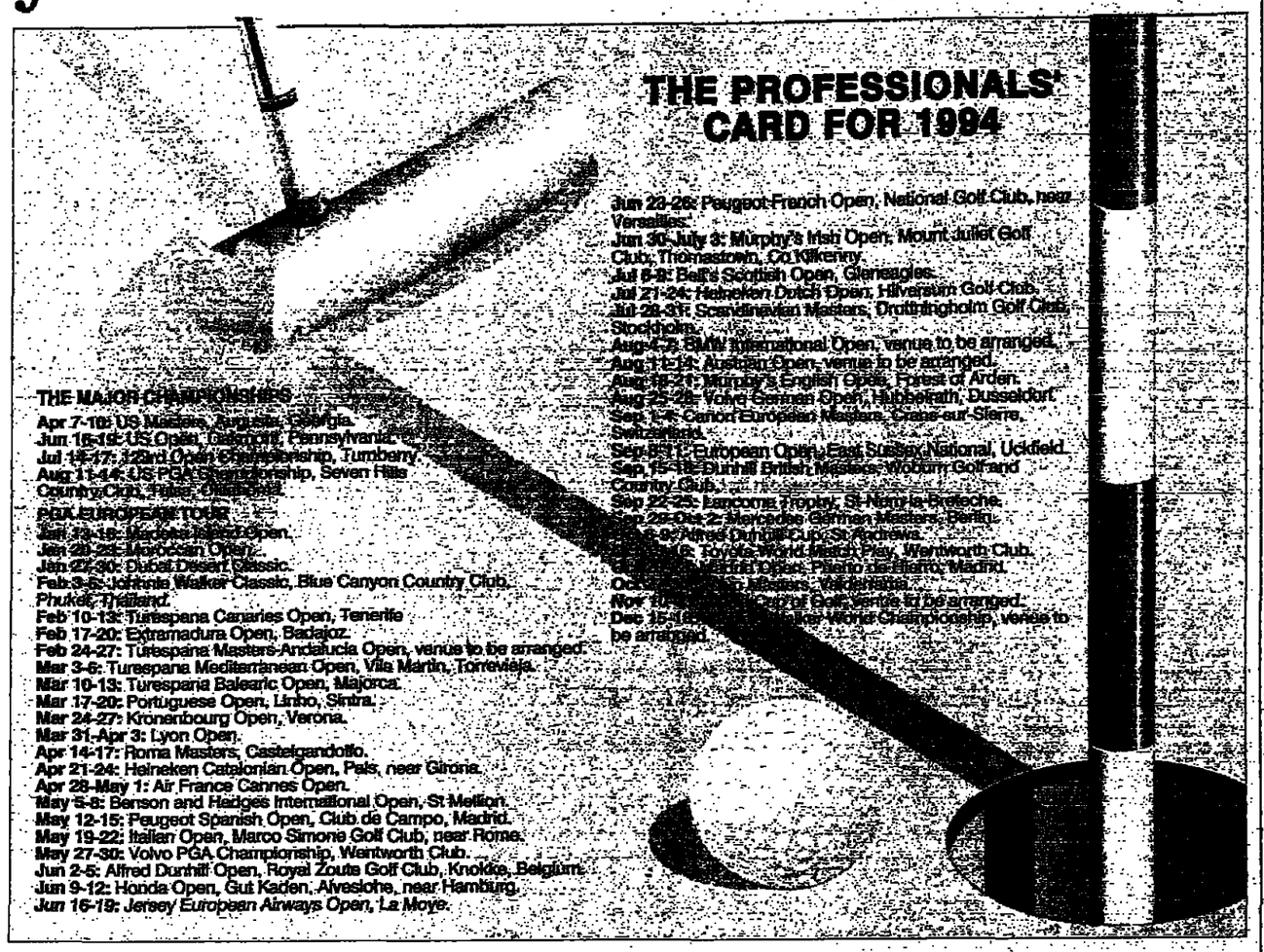
The potential of Darren Clarke, 25, from Northern Ireland, is as large as his appetite and his shoes. In his fourth season he finished eighth in the order of merit. It is all there for him to take if he has the nerve to go for it just as it is for Jim Payne, from Lincolnshire, who will be 24 in April. Payne strongly resembles Russ Abbott, except he plays golf better and is funnier.

The third man who should advance again this season is the Swede, Joakim Haeggman. He is as fit as Faldo, speaks colloquial English brilliantly, and the desire is there after his success in the singles in the Ryder Cup. He will be 25 in August.

At the end of the season will the United States still hold the Dunhill and World Cups to go with the Ryder and Walker Cups they won last year? Will Colin Montgomerie have taken another step forward, as he has done in each of the past six seasons. Will the European women professionals continue winning tournaments in the United States as they did in 1993?

It is a season to relish and one that reminds us of the breadth of golf. Ladies and gentlemen, play away please.

Travel, page 20



THE PROFESSIONALS' CARD FOR 1994

THE MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
Apr 7-10: US Masters, Augusta, Georgia.
Jun 16-19: US Open, Oakmont, Pennsylvania.
Jul 14-17: 122nd Open Championship, Turnberry.
Aug 11-14: US PGA Championship, Seven Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Jan 13-16: Madeira Island Open.
Jan 20-23: Moroccan Open.
Jan 27-30: Dubai Desert Classic.
Feb 3-6: Johnnie Walker Classic, Blue Canyon Country Club, Phuket, Thailand.
Feb 10-13: Turespana Canaries Open, Tenerife
Feb 17-20: Extramadura Open, Badajoz.
Feb 24-27: Turespana Masters-Andalucia Open, venue to be arranged.
Mar 3-6: Turespana Mediterranean Open, Vila Martin, Torrevieja.
Mar 10-13: Turespana Balearic Open, Majorca.
Mar 17-20: Portuguese Open, Lisbo, Sintra.
Mar 24-27: Kronenbourg Open, Verona.
Mar 31-Apr 3: Lyon Open.
Apr 14-17: Roma Masters, Castelgandolfo.
Apr 21-24: Heineken Catalonian Open, Pals, near Girona.
Apr 28-May 1: Air France Cannes Open.
May 5-8: Benson and Hedges International Open, St Mellion.
May 12-15: Peugeot Spanish Open, Club de Campo, Madrid.
May 19-22: Italian Open, Marco Simone Golf Club, near Rome.
May 27-30: Volvo PGA Championship, Wentworth Club.
Jun 2-5: Alfred Dunhill Open, Royal Zoute Golf Club, Knokke, Belgium.
Jun 9-12: Honda Open, Gut Kaden, Alvesiohe, near Hamburg.
Jun 16-19: Jersey European Airways Open, La Moye.
Jun 23-26: Peugeot French Open, National Golf Club, near Versailles.
Jun 30-July 3: Murphy's Irish Open, Mount Juliet Golf Club, Thomastown, Co Kilkenny.
Jul 8-11: Bell's Scottish Open, Gleneagles.
Jul 21-24: Heineken Dutch Open, Hilversum Golf Club.
Jul 28-31: Scandinavian Masters, Drottningholm Golf Club, Stockholm.
Aug 4-7: Biella International Open, venue to be arranged.
Aug 11-14: Austrian Open, venue to be arranged.
Aug 18-21: Murphy's English Open, Forest of Arden.
Aug 25-28: Volvo German Open, Hubbelrath, Dusseldorf.
Sep 1-4: Canon European Masters, Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland.
Sep 8-11: European Open, East Sussex National, Uckfield.
Sep 15-18: Dunhill British Masters, Woburn Golf and Country Club.
Sep 22-25: Lancome Trophy, St-Nom-la-Breteche.
Sep 29-Oct 2: Mercedes German Masters, Berlin.
Oct 6-9: Alfred Dunhill Cup, St Andrews.
Oct 13-16: Toyota World Match Play, Wentworth Club.
Oct 20-23: Madrid Open, Piseno de Illarro, Madrid.
Oct [illegible]: Masters, Valderrama.
Nov 10-13: [illegible] Golf, venue to be arranged.
Dec 15-[illegible]: [illegible] World Championship, venue to be arranged.

Clark has no time to break new shoes in gently

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MADEIRA

HOWARD Clark, one of the bigger names competing in the £250,000 Madeira Island Open which sets the golf ball rolling around Europe again, was trying to batter his shoe into shape with a blunt instrument ill-suited to the purpose. "There are no shoe stretchers on the island," he explained.

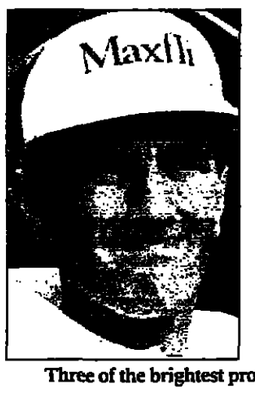
The new season starts today at the Campo de Golfe da Madeira, an amazing course on an amazingly temperate lump of land rising out of the Atlantic, three hundred-odd miles off the coast of North Africa. Hence the Clark ritual. "It's my little toes," he said. "They get pushed in at the start of the season when the shoes are newish and it takes them a couple of weeks to settle."

However, this is not the place for the gentle breaking in of shoes, for there is some walking to do on this picturesque, testing course, over 2,000 feet above sea level.

Putting here requires the sure, confident touch that players rusty from a long rest are unlikely to possess. Frustrations are liable to make an early nonsense of new year resolutions and there will be no time for long, languid looks at lines either. An edict from on high has doubled the penalties for slow play — £500 for a first offence, £1,000 for a second offence and £1,000 and two strokes for subsequent offences.

Mark James, the defending champion, is not here but Paul Broadhurst and Gordon J Brand, runners-up to James, are present alongside Alexandre Henriques, a Madeiran amateur aged only 15, thought to be the youngest player to compete in a European tour event.

For the likes of Henriques and Bradley Jacklin, son of Tony, who is starting his first event as a member of the tour's agronomy team, it is all new. For the likes of Clark, it is almost like slipping on an old pair of shoes.







Three of the brightest prospects for 1994, from left, Payne, Haeggman and Clarke

Scotland rely on mature blend from Morrison

Alan Lorimer meets the very model of a modern open-side flanker waiting to worry the Welsh on his first visit to Cardiff on Saturday

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Rather like a good whisky, Iain Morrison, Scotland's open-side flanker against Wales on Saturday, required a maturation time of some ten years before his particular brand of rugby was available for international consumption. Last season, at the age of 30, the London-based Scot won the first of his four caps in the match against Ireland. In doing so, he scotched the notion that international players have to make the grade early in their careers.



Morrison: late starter

Not that 30 need be a write-off age. After all, it was another Scot, Allan Wells, who won the 1980 Olympic 100 metres in Moscow at the beginning of his fourth decade. Since then of course Linford Christie and Merlene Ottey have followed Wells in coming top at thirty-something.

Scotland's achievement in reaching the semi-finals of the last World Cup was to an extent based on the talents of a back row who might well have been considered of pensionable age.

Morrison might have been excused for not harbouring any serious aspirations to play for Scotland earlier in his career. From David Leslie, John Beattie and Jim Calder to the celebrated trio of Finlay Calder, Derek White and John Jeffrey, Scotland enjoyed a treasure trove of talent that contributed to their grand slams of 1984 and 1990.

A Cambridge blue in 1983 and 1984, Morrison played alongside Rob Andrew and Gavin Hastings, but his two appearances in the University match at Twickenham brought no response from the selectors.

The vehicle for Morrison's late success in rugby is the sevens game and his association with one of its best exponents at club level — London Scottish. The pinnacle of their recent achievements was in 1991 when they triumphed in the Middesex Sevens at the precise time that Scotland were touring Canada and the United States with a development squad — minus Morrison.

His break however came at the beginning of last season. "I was called into the Scotland World Cup sevens squad and played in the Dubai tournament. Watched by the Scotland manager, Duncan Paterson, we won and I guess that did my standing some good," he recalls.

Simultaneously Morrison had been impressing the Scotland selectors with his displays for the Scottish Exiles and London Scottish; it was no surprise when he was called up for Scotland A against Ireland A in Dublin 13 months ago.

The opportunity was not wasted. Morrison played his part in helping Scotand to win and with it came an invitation to play in the trial as a member of the senior side.

Scotland eschewed the idea of open and blind-side flankers during the Calder and Jeffrey years, but Morrison offered the chance to play a different kind of game using a player ideally suited to the modern concept of a No 7.

Morrison's skills in the sevens game, where he was the playmaker in the forward trio, were seen as transferable. What he offered was a chance to put into practice what Ian McGeechan preached about continuity rugby. That is what Scotland hope that Morrison can achieve this season, but his game is about more than mobility on the field.

Morrison considers that his ability as ball player developed by playing a lot of basketball in his school days at Glenalmond College in Perthshire where he was in the same first XV as David Sole. He also has the upper body strength to wrest the ball clear from opponents in tackles. He is not an out and out flyer; rather he is the type who will cover the field tirelessly. In his outing for against Ireland A last month he reminded the selectors of his ability to read the game and to provide the support play essential for a side that does not want to get bogged down in heavy frontal engagements.

Nor is he the human battering ram type becoming so prevalent in back rows throughout the world but at 6ft 1in and just over 15 stone he has a physique to deal with the close counter work that is stock in trade for the flanker.

Morrison will get his first taste of the National Stadium in Cardiff on Saturday. "I expect it to be a damning experience with such emotional Welsh support," he said. But for this bond salesman in the City of London, pressure is a daily event and Saturday should be no different.



Abdelatif Benazzi of France

Marshall seeks end of sequence

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE SRA national squash championships, which begin today at Herts Country Club in Welwyn Garden City, feature almost as an inversion of the usual age rivalries in domestic affairs. The top men's seed is Peter Marshall, a 22-year-old from Nottingham, and the favourite for the women's title, even though she has been seeded third, is Cassandra Jackman, who reached 21 three days before Christmas.

Marshall won the last all-British national title, defeating Bryan Beeson at Manchester in 1992, and Jackman became English women's champion when she defeated Fiona Geaves in Cheadle last year, with the rest of Britain excluded for the first and probably the only time.

Philip Whitlock, of Manchester, took the English men's title last year, popping into the Village Leisure Club for matches between servicing the rest of the field at his sports equipment store in Cheadle, and beginning the finest year of his career in which he broke England's nine-year title drought on the world circuit by winning the Canadian Open.

But the English champion, within a few weeks of his 32nd birthday, is only fifth seed in the youthful challenge of the all-Britain men's field.

Chris Walker, of Colchester, aged 26 and reigning European champion, follows Marshall on the seeding list. The Scottish champion, Peter Nicol, 20, is third and Simon Parke, 21, of Yorkshire, is fourth.

The Irish champion, Derek Ryan, is pitted against the sixth-seeded Tony Hands in the first round, and the experienced Adrian Davies, of Wales meets, Paul Johnson, of Kent.

There are nine former or present national champions in a men's field notorious for its 20-year resistance to a successful defence of the title.

Jonah Barrington, the England coach, whose interest was resharpened this week by a new appointment to work individually with emerging top players, said: "The strength in depth of British squash has never been greater."

Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, 31 next month and three times a losing finalist in these championships, is the top seed after a sparkling year. Lisa Opie, four times a winner and returning to form, is seeded fourth and Rebecca O'Callaghan, of Ireland, sixth.

The early challenge for Jackman comes from Jane Martin, 21, from Northumbrian, who has deprived her of a domestic title or two down the years, and the second seed is Sue Wright, 23, of Kent, a combative competitor.

Jackman took her first titles on the world tour this season, winning the US Open and the Meer Open in Holland. Horner won in Singapore and Austria, beating Wright in both finals, and both women did better in a World Open dominated by Australians.

With world team championships due for the women in Guernsey this year and for the men probably in Amsterdam a year later, domestic pre-eminence will prove vital over the coming months, however.

SEEDS: Men: 1, P Marshall (Leicestershire); 2, C Walker (Essex); 3, P Nicol (Scotland); 4, S Parke (Yorkshire); 5 P Whitlock (Devon); 6 T Hands (Essex); 7, S Meads (Berkshire); 8, J Nicolle (Hampshire). Women: 1, S Horner (Yorkshire); 2, S Wright (Kent); 3, C Jackman (Norfolk); 4, L Opie (Nottinghamshire); 5, F Geaves (Gloucestershire); 6, R O'Callaghan (Ireland); 7, J Martin (Northumbria); 8, L Charman (Sussex).

All-round view demands policy of divide and rule



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

THE beginning of the five nations' championship this weekend would concentrate the minds of those charged with the negotiation of the new domestic television contract, were it not for the fact that negotiations remain "in house".

The leading players, BBC and ITV (with Sky Sports watching closely, one imagines), have yet to make their presentations to the four home unions' television committee, and this with only four months of the existing three-year contract still to run. At the start of this season it was hoped that the new agreement would be completed by February — now the end of March is the notional date.

It is an indication of the degree to which the ground rules have changed since 1991 that the home unions will take on, for the first time, professional marketing consultants to guide them through the contractual minefields. "We are running something like six weeks behind schedule, but professional advice should accelerate the tendering and presentation process, and the ultimate negotiating process," Freddy McLeod, the chairman of the television committee, said.

But the real bugbear has been the debate between the unions over who gets the biggest slice of what is anticipated will be a far richer cake. The last contract was worth £10 million, equally divided between the four unions. The new contract could be worth between £20 and £30 million and the belief of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) is that its share should be greater than those of the other three, partly because of England's greater success, partly because it has the largest audience.

The RFU has denied that it is seeking as much as 40 per cent of the deal but tomorrow its executive committee will discuss a new set of proposals made by Scotland, Ireland and Wales. "England have made some points to the other unions which have been taken on board and, in turn, we have submitted some points to them for discussion," McLeod, who represents Scotland, said diplomatically.

Rather than niggling among themselves, however, the home unions would do better to study exactly what it is they have to offer the television companies and understand what television wants. Rugby is on the crest of a popularity wave, but even so the viewing figures do not make special reading. Six million is par for the course for a live international, which does not compare with a top football or boxing occasion. Nor do the figures for the BBC's *Rugby Special* look startling: during a six-year period there has been little significant shift from the one million mark, except for an important match or when a touring team is involved.

It suggests that there is a hard core of Sunday viewers but not many more. Despite changes to the format, *Rugby Special* does not ride the popularity wave, but it does offer what the home unions want so desperately to sustain — a window on the club game as opposed to international rugby. They will ask themselves whether ITV could deliver the same across the board to its various regions, as opposed to the "service" which the BBC can offer.

The unions have also to be concerned with selling the game via television. Is that best done via international rugby, which is what ITV's portfolio is largely based on and suits its desire for exclusivity, or by showing what the sport's bread and butter is all about? Would it be better to hive off the five nations' championship and other internationals as one contract and leave, say, England's four divisions to make independent local arrangements.

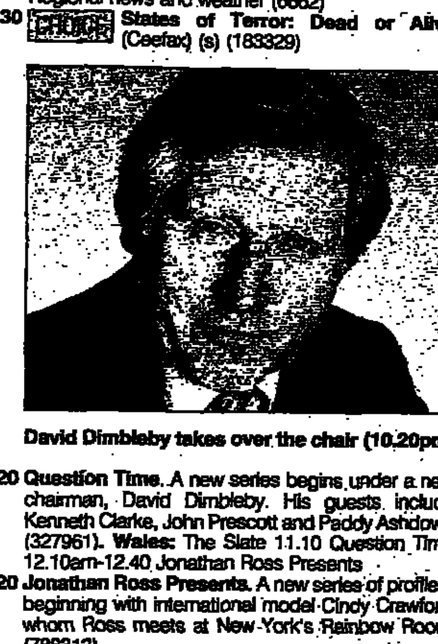
There are many who want five nations matches to be spread over ten weekends, as they once were, or to be staged the same weekend, but with one on Saturday and another on Sunday. If two internationals have to be played on the same day, it is also being argued that they should be staggered to provide 160 minutes of live action.

The view that, just as there are two, or possibly three, levels of rugby developing, so there should be different contracts to cater for those levels is increasingly persuasive. There is international rugby, a first-class or competitive game, and social and youth rugby. They impact on each other, of course, but whether that means the same television company has to be responsible for all has yet to be established. No wonder the home unions seek professional advice.

THE TIMES
SNOW SERVICE

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (95416)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (89423503)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (4369400) **9.45 Newshound**. Ross King with another round of the current affairs quiz (s) (1526885)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9724394) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (5946503)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday family magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (61663416)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Among Alan Titchmarsh's guests is the singer Bitty McLean (s) (4213874) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (67438874)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (17023)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (13454503) **1.50 XYZ.** Quiz game based on the alphabet, hosted by George Marshall (s) (13465619)
2.15 FILM: Living It Up (1954). A Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis comedy about a man who is mistakenly diagnosed as suffering from radiation poisoning and taken to New York for one last fling. Directed by Norman Taurog (258706)
3.50 Noddy (r) (s) (7463042) **4.00 Batfink** (9158690) **4.05 Jackanory**: Rik Mayall with part four of Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine* (r) (s) (9075313) **4.15 Popeye and Son.** Animated adventures (1418481) **4.30 Sloggers.** Episode two of the six-part comedy drama about a young Lancashire-based cricket team. (Ceefax) (s) (9316400)
4.55 Newsround (8523394) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Enduring children's magazine, presented by John Leslie, Diane-Louise Jordan, Anthea Turner and Tim Vincent. (Ceefax) (s) (5571348)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (951042). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (481)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (961). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top Of the Pops introduced by Mark Franklin. (Ceefax) (s) (6481)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (145)
8.00 Health and Efficiency. Comedy series set in a hospital. Starring Gary Olsen, Roger Lloyd Pack and Felicity Montagu. (Ceefax) (s) (5329)
8.30 Wildlife On One: Alligator Hole. Sir David Attenborough explores the world of the alligators of the Florida Everglades. (Ceefax) (s) (1936)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (6662)
9.30 CHOICE **States of Terror: Dead or Alive.** (Ceefax) (s) (183329)



David Dimbleby takes over the chair (10.20pm)

10.20 Question Time. A new series begins under a new chairman, David Dimbleby. His guests include Kenneth Clarke, John Prescott and Paddy Ashdown (327961). **Wales:** The Slate 11.10 Question Time 12.10am-12.40 Jonathan Ross Presents
11.20 Jonathan Ross Presents. A new series of profiles, beginning with international model Cindy Crawford whom Ross meets at New York's Rainbow Room (788313)
11.50 Weather (248145). Ends at 11.55
3.00am-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (60356)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (3171333)
8.15 Westminster Daily (9888955)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Fiddley Foodle Bird (44967056) **1.30-1.40** Johnson and Friends (61152394)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (15996042) **2.05 Numbertime** (r) (62593936) **2.20 Play It Safe!** Anneka Rice with advice on scalds and how to spot the dangers from a child's point of view (r). (Ceefax) (15070056) **2.30 Advice Shop.** News, information and advice for consumers (394)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7283042) **3.05 Westminster Live** introduced by Iain Macwhirter and John Cole. (Ceefax) (8689690) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7461684)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz, hosted by Martyn Lewis (s) (874) **4.30 People of the Valley.** Welsh drama serial with English subtitles (s) (918). **Wales:** Pride of Place
5.00 Catchword. Paul Cola with another round of the word game (s) (7787) **5.30 The Danjiri Festival.** A documentary about the Japanese festival in which teams of 500 men race massive floats through the narrow streets of Kishiwada (110)
6.00 FILM: Naked Spur (1953) starring James Stewart, Robert Ryan and Janet Leigh. Western drama about a greedy bounty hunter and his relentless pursuit of a killer who has a $5,000 reward on his head. Directed by Anthony Mann (21329)
7.30 First Sight. London and South East current affairs programme (787). **Northern Ireland:** The Corner House; **Wales:** Week In Week Out; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North East, North West:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South West:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West



Mark Ramprakash plays guinea-pig (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Big Science** (3771)
8.30 The Quest For the Rose. Series tracing the history of the rose. (Ceefax) (5706)
9.00 The All-New Alexei Sayle Show. The second of a series of six comedy shows (s) (8684)
9.30 CHOICE **Great Railway Journeys: From Hong Kong to Ulan Bator.** (Ceefax) (s) (41023)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (932077)
11.15 CHOICE **The Late Show** (351868)
11.55 Weather (245058)
12.00 FILM: Port of Call (1948, b/w). The last in a short season of early Ingmar Bergman films. Nine-Christine Jonsson and Bengt Eklund star as a sailor and the woman with whom he falls in love after rescuing her from a suicide bid. English subtitles (879795). Ends at **1.40am**

VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes
The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCode™ numbers, which allow you to programme your video recorder instantly with a VideoPlus+™ handset. VideoPlus+ can be used with most videos. Tap in the Video PlusCode for the programme you wish to record. For more details call VideoPlus on 0839 121204 (calls cost 36p/min cheap rate, 48p/min at other times) or write to VideoPlus+, Acomex Ltd, 5 Ivory House, Plantation Wharf, London SW11 3TN. Videoplus+ (™), Pluscode (™) and Video Programmer are trademarks of Gemstar Marketing Ltd.

CHOICE



Clive Anderson on track for Mongolia (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Great Railway Journeys
BBC2, 9.30pm

Clive Anderson launches a new series by travelling from Hong Kong, by way of Shanghai and Peking to Ulan Bator in Outer Mongolia. He admits to be being no train buff, so do not expect him to enthuse about the romance of rail. In any case most of the trains he uses are no more thrilling than the 8.10 from Surbiton and just as crowded. In effect the journey is a travelling version of Anderson's chat show, interspersed with jokes about the strange food and his inability to speak Chinese. The star turns are a couple of British diplomats on their way to Mongolia. They so distrust the railway menu that they take their own: corned beef and cans of beer. The encounter provides Anderson with a typically flippant sign-off.

Big Science
BBC2, 8.00pm

The England cricketer Mark Ramprakash takes a catch. "Your brain", explains a psychologist from Oxford University, "is computing the second order differential of the tangent of the angle of gaze." Ramprakash laughs and says he hasn't a clue what the man is on about. It is one of the items in a new series designed to show that science is both challenging and fun. The "brain mathematics of catching" at least wins points for eccentricity. But when it is given the same running time as an investigation into the arguably weightier matter of the origin of the universe (big bang or steady state?) the result is disorienting. On tonight's evidence *Big Science* seems unlikely to bore. The bigger question is how far it will enlighten.

The Late Show
BBC2, 11.15pm

The American novelist Joseph Heller is interviewed by Jeremy Isaacs in another return to the *Face to Face* format. For most British viewers Heller's reputation rests almost entirely on his great satirical novel, *Catch 22*. But this is only one facet of a varied life which emerges step by step under Isaacs's friendly but shrewd questioning. The story before *Catch 22* is of a Jewish upbringing in Brooklyn, 60 missions in the US Air Force during the Second World War and a career as an advertising copywriter. The story since includes more novels, the break-up of a 35-year-old marriage and a rare, paralysing illness. Now 70, Heller says he would like to be remembered as someone interesting to talk to. He certainly is that.

States of Terror: Dead or Alive
BBC1, 9.30pm

An ironic casualty of extended coverage of the Northern Ireland peace initiative was Peter Taylor's final documentary on international terrorism. Having roamed the world for subjects Taylor chose to fire his parting shot in the United Kingdom. He focuses on two British agents who infiltrated Northern Ireland's paramilitary groups. "Steve", who worked in the province for MI5, lived to tell his story in person. Gregory Burns, ritually executed by the IRA, is heard on a taped "confession". Despite the high hopes for peace aroused before Christmas the film remains all too sadly relevant. It offers a revealing glimpse of a very murky world and, as always, Taylor marshals his material for maximum impact. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson and Eamonn Holmes (1492961)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Quiz game show (s) (6816752) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5859023)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (s) (7204232)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine hosted by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (61584955) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2467145)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (1475690)
12.55 Emmerdale. A repeat of Tuesday's episode. (Teletext) (1387481) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama. (Teletext) (95158482)
1.55 Gardener's Diary. Ideas for green-fingered viewers (13459058) **2.20 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (87355329) **2.50 TV Weekly** presented by Eamonn Holmes (s) (3663874)
3.20 ITN News headlines (7363232) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7362503)
3.30 Allsorts (s) (7398232) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7469226) **3.50 Garfield and Friends** (6492619) **4.10 Wolf It.** (Teletext) (s) (2193868) **4.40 Fun House.** Slapstick game show (Teletext) (7191787)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (5565787)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (381874)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (84690)



Vaughan and Lewis wait for news (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Michael (Matthew Vaughan) comforts a distraught Elsa (Naomi Lewis) as rescue workers search for her daughter. (Teletext) (4077)
7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murnaghan investigates the fiftysomething baby-boomers(s) (313)
8.00 The Bill: Mix and Match. Expensive stolen vehicles turn up on the Sun Hill patch. (Teletext) (7597)
8.30 Minder: Another Case of Van Blank. Arthur, Dave and Ray cross the Channel for some bargain alcohol, but what should have been a straightforward operation gradually develops into a hazardous venture. (Teletext) (s) (43058)
9.30 Scotland Yard. The second in the series of documentaries follows the work of SO19, the specialised unit called in whenever firearms may be needed. (Teletext) (96435)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (67435) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (404329)
10.40 Just a Minute. Television version of the BBC radio game show, hosted by Nicholas Parsons. With Tony Slattery, Arthur Smith, Jeremy Hardy and Mariella Frostrup (s) (795077)
11.10 Synchro. The second of two programmes consisting of four five-minute films from new directors on black music, culture and the arts (781400)
11.40 FILM: Up Pompeii (1971) starring Frankie Howerd. A bawdy romp about the slave of a senator who intercepts plans to assassinate Emperor Nero. Directed by Bob Kellett (712771)
1.30am Donahue. The guests are former gays who now live heterosexual lifestyles (36795)
2.30 The Beat (r) (s) (40462)
3.30 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (47563)
4.00 The Album Show (r) (s) (69511)
5.00 Videofashion. The latest French collections (r) (53578)
5.30 ITN Morning News (29462). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Pole Position. Cartoon adventures about a team of crazy car drivers (r) (5725435)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. The guests include the Liverpool comedian Alexei Sayle (86954)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (71684)
9.30 Schools: Middle English *Romeo and Juliet* (6282481) **9.46** Mathematical Eye (6360042) **10.07** Scientific Eye (5866313) **10.28** Geographical Eye (3679961) **10.52** Schools at Work (8741139) **11.00** History in Action (3638416) **11.22** The Microclass (6001665) **11.40** French Programme (5378684)
12.00 House To House. Political magazine presented by Maya Even (64348)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is the flautist James Galway (24481) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak.** Animated adventures of a musical duck (r) (88824)
2.00 FILM: Once Upon a Time (1944, b/w) starring Cary Grant and Betsy Blair. Comedy about an impoverished Broadway producer who thinks he has found the answer to his money problems when he meets a boy with a dancing caterpillar. Directed by Alexander Hall (155665)
3.35 The Three Stooges in *Sock-a-Bye Baby* (1942, b/w) (6306868)
3.55 Travelog. Reports on Marseilles and northern Ontario (r). (Teletext) (s) (4762868)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (226)
5.00 Oprah Winfrey. A discussion on America's gun control issue. With dealers, users and victims of armed criminals. (Teletext) (s) (4469139)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy. Animation (152477)
6.00 The Crystal Maze. Fantasy game show presented by Richard O'Brien (r) (s) (82232)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (464023)
7.50 Comment from Nigel Appleton on 1993's European Year of Older People. (Teletext) (628023)
8.00 Eat Your Greens. Sophie Grigson makes soup from bean tops and an Asian okra meal (r). (Teletext) (5139)



Shanaz Pakravan on health care (8.30pm)

8.30 The Pulse. A new series of the health magazine, presented by Shanaz Pakravan. This edition includes a look at the Government's national health promotion plan and a video diary of a schoolgirl revealing how much attention children pay to health messages. Plus health economist Alan Maynard questioning the Health Secretary Virginia Bottomley on what it takes to persuade people to adopt a healthier lifestyle. (Teletext) (3954)
9.00 Trial and Error. David Jessel retraces the events of the night of January 5 1989 when Hensley Hendrix Wiltshire died after a fight and Gary Mills and Tony Poole were convicted for his murder. (Teletext) (4597)
10.00 Film on Four: Dakota Road (1990) starring Charlotte Chatton. Drama set in the East Anglian fenlands about a teenage girl, suffering from the incestuous attentions of her farm labourer father, who finds solace with the personnel of a nearby American air base. Directed by Nick Ward. (Teletext) (s) (830481)
11.40 Midnight Special: Basic Instincts. A discussion on whether the Government's "Back to Basics" policy is doomed (641023)
1.10am Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's programme. (Teletext) (7613172). Ends at **2.00**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW: **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Guest List: Mark Kermode **10.00** Mark Radcliffe live from Manchester **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Adrian Love **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **8.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Sue Cook **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Queen of Romance: Last in the comedy series **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Reading Music: See Choice **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Let's Make a Story: **9.15** Together. An Assembly for Schools; **9.35** Listen and Read 2: **9.45** Letterbox; **9.55** Poetry Corner: **10.05** In the News **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Personal Best: Carmen Pryce asks if winning is all in the mind **1.10** The Crunch with Liz Kershaw **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-in **6.30** Spinning Stars: Capricorn **7.15** Flour Babies, by Anne Fine. Read by Adrian Edmondson (4/5) **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.00** Klub Kulture The Kosher Krew interviews with young people (1/8) **9.30** Brighton Rock (2/5) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** J Kingston Platt **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Flashman **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** News **3.15** Ray on Record **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** British News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Story of Western Music **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Galahad at Blandings **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** News **4.15** Sharp Talents

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Respighi (The Fountains of Rome); Handel (Water Music); Debussy (La Mer) **1.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13459058) **2.20** TV Weekly (87355329) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3663874) **5.10-5.40** Take The High Road (5565787) **6.00** Home And Away (379145) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (612313) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (795077) **11.10** Phoenix (464771) **12.10am** The Powers That Be (2848337) **12.35** Bodies Of Evidence (2107714) **1.30** Wrestling (9908530) **2.10** America's Top 10 (6635646) **2.40** Film: Heatwave (2948191) **4.00** Jobfinder (29646) **4.30** Night Shift (36154462) **4.35-5.30** Cue The Music (2050288)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (13459058) **2.20** TV Weekly (87355329) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3663874) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (5565787) **6.00** Home And Away (379145) **6.25** Central News (281936) **10.40** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (210752) **11.35** Film: Dracula (695058) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (4432530) **2.25** Noisy Mothers (7805627) **3.25** Night Shift (34679559) **3.35** Jobfinder (5846172) **4.50** Quiz Night (94887627) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (4931733)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home And Away (1387481) **1.25** A Country Practice (89739752) **1.50** Emmerdale (26957313) **2.20** TV Weekly (87355329) **2.50-3.20** Sons And Daughters (3663874) **5.10-5.40** Runway (5565787) **6.00** Home And Away (357) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (329) **10.40** The Powers That Be (795077) **11.10** Flying Start (781400) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (807077) **12.35am** Bodies Of Evidence (2107714) **1.30** Superstars Of Wrestling (9908530) **2.10** America's Top 10 (6635646) **2.40** Film: Heatwave (2948191) **4.00** Jobfinder (29646) **4.30** Night Shift (36154462) **4.35-5.30** Cue The Music (2050288)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13459058) **2.20** TV Weekly (87355329) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3663874) **6.00** HTV News (357) **6.30-7.00** Special Report (329) **10.40** The West This Week (925787) **11.25** Rockport (309855) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (807077) **12.35am** Bodies Of Evidence (2107714) **1.30** Wrestling (9908530) **2.10** America's Top 10 (6635646) **2.40** Film: Heatwave (2948191) **4.00** Jobfinder (29646) **4.30** Night Shift (36154462) **4.35-5.30** Cue The Music (2050288)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30 Wales At Six (357) **7.30-8.00** Last Train Round Wales (313) **10.40** Face Value (795077) **11.10-11.40** Wales And Westminster (781400)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13459058) **2.20** TV Weekly (87355329) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3663874) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (357) **6.30-7.00** Getaways (329) **10.40** Film. Iron Eagle II (29296023) **12.25am-1.30** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (6074356)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13459058) **2.20** TV Weekly (87355329) **2.50-3.15** The Young Doctors (9392706) **5.55-7.00** Tyne Tees News (7716077) **10.40** Northern Eye (925787) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (731955) **12.20am** Film: Dracula (877337) **2.05** America's Top 10 (6636375) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8620207) **3.05** Film: The Gunfighters (221356) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (3810820)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 The Sullivans (26956684) **2.25** TV Weekly (87274400) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (9391077) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (7362503) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (84690) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (404329) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (795077) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (736400) **12.05am** Coach (3617443) **12.35** Bodies Of Evidence (2107714) **1.30** Wrestling (9908530) **2.10** America's Top 10 (6635646) **2.40** Film: Heatwave (2948191) **4.00** Jobfinder (29646) **4.35-5.30** Cue The Music (2050288)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13459058) **2.20** TV Weekly (87355329) **2.50** The Young Doctors (9392706) **5.55** Calendar News (725706) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (329) **10.30** Calendar News (404329) **10.40** Edit V (9562706) **11.50** Prisoner Cell Block H (536495) **12.40am** Film: Dracula (877337) **2.05** America's Top 10 (7800172) **3.05** Film The Gunfighters (7167559) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (9118062)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (86954) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (71684) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (71684) **9.30** Ysgolion (649597) **12.00pm** House To House (64348) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (52923) **1.00** Travelog (36431) **1.30** Putting Art in Its Place (88824) **2.00** Film: Man Hunt (375787) **3.55** The Shepherd (2195226) **4.00** Slot 23 (4868) **5.00** The Cosby Show (9955) **5.30** Countdown (706) **6.00** Newyddion (386955) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (262936) **6.25** Heno (610955) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2619) **7.30** Trebor (955) **8.00** Rebecca Evans (5139) **8.30** Newyddion (3954) **9.00** Taro Naw (3752) **9.30** The Pulse (94077) **10.00** Film: Shuttlecock (665348) **11.50** Nurses (336477) **12.20am** Undercover (3610530) **12.50** Karachi Kops (8713085)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Boccherini (Symphony in B flat, Op 35 No 6); Bruckner (*Locus Iste*); Kodály (Dances of Galanta); Debussy (Danse sacrée et danse profane); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Op 30 No 5); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 2 in B minor, BWV 1067)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Samuel Wesley (Confitebor tibi; Domine: BBC Singers and Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square, under John Lubbock)
10.15 Musical Encounters: Piers Burton-Page discusses Yehudi Menuhin, the *Artist of the Week*. Including Beethoven (Violin Sonata in G, Op 96) Elgar (String Quartet in E minor); Enescu (Violin sonata No 3 in A minor, Op 25); Dvořák (Czech Suite)
12.00 Ensemble: The Guildhall String Ensemble performs Grieg (Holberg Suite); Tchaikovsky (Souvenir de Florence) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Opera Matinée: The Ambrosian Opera Chorus and London Philharmonic under Antonio de Almedia perform Acts 1-3 of *Hamlet*, Ambroise Thomas's operatic version of the play. With Thomas Hampson, baritone, and June Anderson, soprano. **3.15** Gertrude Talks Back, by Margaret Atwood. With Maggie Smith. **3.20** Acts 4 and 5
4.40 All the Music's a Stage: Graham Fawcett looks at Shakespeare through musical settings by Arne, Tippett, Chilcott and Mendelssohn
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune: Janáček (Balada Blanicka); Barber (String Quartet, Op 11); Rubinstein (The Demon)
7.30 Hallé Orchestra under Kent Nagano. Schubert (Overture, Fierrabras); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor: Midori); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
9.10 Why Bother? Sir Arthur Streeb-Greebling (Peter Cook) talks about his involvement in retrospective petenting
9.20 A Musical Joke: Vienna Mozart Ensemble under Willi Boskovsky performs Mozart's sideways look at the bad performers and composers of his time
9.45 Classical Guitar Festival of Great Britain 1993: David Russell, guitar, plays Asencio (Collectici intim); Barrios Mangore (La catedral; Uma Limosno por el amor de dios; Waltz in G)
10.15 A Different Rhythm: The impact of black music on the British music scene (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Roy Porter presents Latin jazz from Airto Moreira and Fourth World
11.30 Voices: Schubert (Schwanengesang: Olaf Bär, baritone, and Geoffrey Parsons, piano)
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.05 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra: English Resources

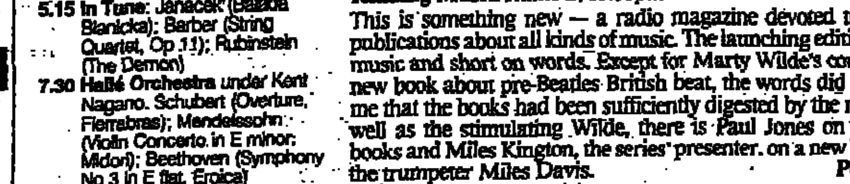
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 The Unfamiliar Family: The Harder They Fall. Glenys Kinnock follows the fortunes of poorer families
10.00-10.30 Jane and Prudence (FM only): Dramatisation of Barbara Pym's sequel to *Crampton Hodnet* (4/6)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Gospel of Mark (3/7)
10.30 Woman's Hour investigates why gay men are devoted to glamorous women such as Marilyn Monroe **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Kelly's Heroes: The Anthropologist. A spoof documentary by Chris Kelly (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Goose Breath, by Mark Davies Markham. A young Liverpudlian discovers that he is dying. With Ian Hart and George Christopher
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
3.00 Soapbox (FM only), with David Mellor
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen looks at the John Osborne season of plays on Radios 3 and 4, including *Look Back in Anger*
4.45 Short Story: Tea Leaves, by Alun Richards. Read by Brian Hibbard
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Darling You Were Marvellous: Panel show chaired by Sandi Toksvig
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Stage Fright: See Choice
8.00 Inside the New Civil Service: Sheena McDonald asks how changes to the Civil Service will affect Whitehall and its permanent secretaries (2/3)
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities. Presented by Ted Harrison
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Mist in the Mirror, by Susan Hill. Read by Gareth Armstrong (4/5)
11.00 The Comedians: A dramatisation of Graham Greene's novel. With Michael Kitchen (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Stage Fright. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
If it is true that Olivier would stand in the wings, leaden-footed and sweating, before making his entrance, what hope of *sang-froid* can there be for lesser mortals? The worst case of stage fright recounted tonight is the actor who fled from the theatre and, three years later, has still not returned to it. Next worst is the ballerina who danced her *Swan Lake* solo on automatic pilot after a herd of wildebeest had invaded her head. She has since learnt to control her panic by thinking of greater disasters such as the Third World War.

Reading Music. *Radio 2, 10.00pm.*
This is something new — a radio magazine devoted to books and publications about all kinds of music. The launching edition is long on music and short on words. Except for Marty Wilde's comments on a new book about pre-Beatles British beat, the words did not convince me that the books had been sufficiently digested by the reviewers. As well as the stimulating Wilde, there is Paul Jones on recent blues books and Miles Kington, the series' presenter, on a new biography of the trumpeter Miles Davis. **Peter Davalle**



CLASSIC DISCUSSIONS.
MONDAY-FRIDAY 12 NOON.
CLASSIC fM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (89154348) **8.40** Lamb Chops (7362951) **9.10** Cartoons (2911597) **9.30** Card Sharks (29787) **10.00** Concentration (2636077) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6076110) **10.30** Love at First Sight (71526) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (46503) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (99058) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (23503) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (28058) **2.00** King (21706) **3.00** Another World (6778435) **3.45** DJ Kat (2298042) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5348) **6.00** Games World (2313) **6.30** Paradise Beach (3665) **7.00** Rescue (6077) **7.30** Growing Pains (5077) **8.00** 21 Jump Street (63955) **9.00** LA Law (78619) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (79706) **11.00** The Untouchables (61868) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (86820) **1.00am** Night Court (68085) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (88337)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (57226) **9.30** Nightline (61597) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (17232) **11.30** Japan Business (73690) **12.30pm** News and Business (28348) **1.30** CBS News (29077) **2.30** Parliament Live (31954) **4.30** News and Business (5690) **5.00** Live at Five (904416) **7.30** The Reporters (3619) **9.30** Talkback (38481) **11.30** CBS News (25868) **12.30am** ABC News (20801) **1.30** The Reporters (85085) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (46733) **3.30** Talkback (58578) **4.30** The Reporters (13356) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (43066)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5416313)
10.00 Lost in London (1985): A boy meets a small-time crook on a train (34619)
12.00 Swashbuckler (1976): Robert Shaw is a modern-day pirate (959684)
1.50pm Murder on the Orient Express (1974): Poirot investigates (82166503)
4.00 A High Wind in Jamaica (1965): Kids pester pirate Anthony Quinn (7752)
6.00 The Goonies (1985): American youngsters search for hidden treasure (77394)
8.00 Black Robe (1991): Lothaire Bluteau as a Jesuit missionary in Canada (89139)
10.00 Freejack (1992): Time-jumper Emilio Estevez is pursued by Mick Jagger (214874)
11.50 Turtle Beach (1992): Drama about Vietnamese boat people (293400)
1.20am Naked Lunch (1992): Film version of William Burroughs's novel (641375)
3.15 Another Man, Another Chance (1972). Geneveve Bujold and James Caan fall in love (70245559). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Old Acquaintance (1943, b/w): Childhood friends become rivals (44058)
8.00 Strangers on a Train (1951, b/w): Hitchcock murder thriller (49503)
10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street Part 2: Freddy's Revenge (1985): Robert Englund returns (15058). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1985): Jules Verne classic (42394)
7.00 Snow White in Happily Ever After (1987): Grimm fantasy adventure (3694348)
8.20 Robin Hood: Animation fun (8056597)
9.20 The Three Musketeers: Adaptation of Alexandre Dumas's novel (8374503)
10.20 Gideon's Trumpet (1980): Henry Fonda changes the legal system (65890619)
12.10pm Kings Go Forth (1958). Frank Sinatra falls in love (195023)
2.00 Down Three Dark Streets (1954). An FBI agent's partner is killed (459868)
3.40 Robin Hood (as 8.20am) (5105145)
4.40 The Three Musketeers (as 9.20am) (5540684)
6.00 And You Thought Your Parents Were Weird (1992): Two boys develop a robotic reincarnation of their father (75936)
8.00 Contract for Murder (1993): Ken Olin investigates a woman's murder (61756435)
10.15 Child of Rage (1992): A married couple adopt a monster daughter (488042)
11.55 Love Kills (1991): A woman has an affair with a hired assassin (290313)
1.25am Across 110th Street (1972): Anthony Quinn races the Mafia to find a gang of bank robbers (648288)
3.20 In the Line of Duty: Ambush in Waco (1993): Drama-documentary about cult leader David Koresh (493646). Ends at **4.55**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (4563619) **7.15** Prime Bodies (678961) **7.45** Trucks and Tractors (677232) **8.15** Soccer News (6920348) **8.30** Fishing (18067) **9.00** Prime Bodies (95329) **9.30** Sportsworld (7200936) **10.15** Netbusters (4022394) **10.30** World Soccer (11313) **11.00** Drag Racing (73058) **11.30** Team Pool (39226) **12.30pm** American Sports (68936) **1.30** Football: Parma v AC Milan (416961) **4.30** Soccer (8706) **5.00** Adventure Sport (4752) **6.00** Soccer News (289400) **6.15** WWF (785888) **7.00** Boots and All (49413) **8.00** Supercross (10023) **9.00** Boot Room (49477) **10.00** Soccer News (585665) **10.15** French Football (412787) **11.15** Snowboarding (654416) **11.45** Boots and All (337042) **12.45am** Netbusters (3309207) **1.00-3.00** US PGA Golf (33801)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step (93481) **8.00** Figure Skating (34042) **9.30** Eurofun (23690) **10.00** Free Style Skiing (98665) **11.00** Luge (82329) **12.00** Stock Cars (40313) **1.00pm** Rallying (86145) **1.30** Snooker (51936) **3.00** Winter Olympics (5868) **3.30** Ice Hockey (83787) **4.30** Motors (30874) **5.30** Eurosk (20961) **6.30** News (5619) **7.00** Basketball (35771) **8.30** Rallying (1232) **9.00** Boxing (89619) **10.00** Billiards (73936) **11.30** Rallying (53329) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport (80511)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1455110) **7.30** Neighbours (1547145) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7303226) **8.30** EastEnders (7302597) **9.00** The Bill (7499077) **9.30** The Onedin Line (6877329) **10.30** Bergerac (6932684) **11.30** The Sullivans (7488042) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7306313) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9761058) **1.00** EastEnders (1454481) **1.30** The Bill (9760329) **2.00** For the Love of Ada (5232752) **2.30** And Mother Makes Three (1690619) **3.00** Dallas (7562058) **4.00** The Colbys (7108936) **4.55** Blankety Blank (57944348) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (62512329) **5.55** Happy Ever After (1602435) **6.30** EastEnders (1502400) **7.00** Survivors (3084706) **8.00** For the Love of Ada (5325416) **8.30** And Mother Makes Three (5231023) **9.00** Bergerac (3073690) **10.00** The Bill (7307042) **10.30** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (7489690) **11.00** Top of the Pops (6777771) **11.45** Dr Who (5169435) **12.15am** FILM: Baby Face Morgan (1942, b/w): Aging gangsters relive the old days (96276269) **1.20-2.00** Video Bites (8408207)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (62684) **6.30** Spiff and Hercules (75684) **7.00** Bears Island (3696936) **7.20** Dogtanian (218503) **7.45** Pugwall (217874) **8.15** Head to Head (6585752) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (46077) **9.00** Drolbee Time (78313) **11.00** RatKan II (17416) (as 6am) **2.00pm** Madeline (8619) **2.30** Cupido (1476874) **2.45** Baber (746481) **3.15** RatKan II (6359232) **3.20** Baby Follies (6692597) **3.40** Rude Dog (4786329) **3.55** Head to Head (8314684) **4.00** White Fang (7232) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (3416)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (90348) **7.30** Guts (49905) **8.00** Rugrats (68508) **8.30** Fraggle Rock (18049) **9.00** Out of Control (13771) **9.30** Kablooey (30836) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (60619) **10.30** We All Have Tales (19955) **11.00** Cartoon Capers (91400) **11.30** Wild Side Show (72329) **12.00** Zany Adventures (18085) **12.30pm** David the Gnome (34752) **1.00** Storytime (99619) **1.30** Eureeka (63435) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (3684) **3.00** Zany Adventures (1042) **3.30** Speed Racer (8329) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (4936) **4.30** Get the Picture (8348) **5.00** Clarissa (6787) **5.30** Guts (7400) **6.00** Rugrats (4313) **6.30-7.00** Animals (5665)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (1509313) **4.30** Australia Wild (1505597) **5.00** Dangerous Earth (5233481) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (4454139) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1317665) **7.00** Going Places (5234110) **7.30** Metro (1508226) **8.00** Terra X (5323058) **8.30** Pirates (5239665) **9.00** Fighting Forces (3071232) **10.00** Wildside (3081619) **11.00-12.00** Romanov Inheritance (1462400)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7391481) **12.30pm** FILM: Clash by Night (1954, b/w): Barbara Stanwyck falls for another man (46471400) **2.25** FILM: The Square Ring (1953, b/w): Boxing drama (7964329) **4.00** Flying Nun (1503139) **4.30** My Three Sons (1592023) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (5241400) **5.30** Donny and Marie (1689503) **6.00** Saber of London (1686416) **6.30** Man from Interpol (1504868) **7.00** Dan August (3079874) **8.00** FILM: Blackbeard the Pirate (1952). With Robert Newton (59294329) **9.45** 1951 Styles (4102042) **10.00** FILM: Cat and Mouse (1958, b/w): A woman is held hostage (1096787) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3693892)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living Magazine (3294619) **8.00** Family Affairs (9409110) **8.30** Bon Voyage (9408481) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (7305145) **10.00** Dr Ruth (3696665) **10.30** The Young and The Restless (8236110) **11.30** Madhur Jaffrey (3931936) **12.00** Stars and Signs (61206435) **12.15pm** Practical Living (13848446) **12.30** Housecalls (8308313) **1.00** Bazaar (7711145) **1.30** Bon Voyage (6307684) **2.00** Agony Hour (3697394) **3.00** Jayne's Magazine Hour (6917771) **3.45** Gladrags (36171955) **4.00** Definition (7184481) **4.30** Infatuation (7180665) **5.00** Music Quest (5040874) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (8518771) **5.45** Kilroy (4522226) **6.30** Delia Smith (7185110) **7.00** Definition (5957110) **7.30** That's Amour (7181394) **8.00** Young and the Restless (5458394) **9.00** Shadows of the Heart (40453416) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (1674110) **11.00** That's Amor (3028416) **11.30** Infatuation (3798077) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (3178627)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (9771) **5.30** Black Stallion (1868) **6.00** Where I Live (1481) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (8961) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (2435) **7.30** All Clued Up (4145) **8.00** Cats Eyes (41861) **9.00** Lou Grant (65597) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (45394) **10.30** Evening Shade (54042) **10.30** Rhoda (54042) **11.00** Remington Steele (36923) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (79578)

MTV
6.00 Wild Side (580665) **9.00** Ingo (304787) **12.00** Hits (75023) **1.00pm** Simone (451874) **3.30** The Report (4784503) **3.45** At the Movies (4789058) **4.00** News (7928706) **4.15** 3 from 1 (7918329) **4.30** Dial MTV (5874) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (1329) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (78431) **7.00** David Bowie (8665) **7.30** David Bowie. The Hits (81706) **8.30** Beavis and Butt-head (9348) **9.00** Hits (67955) **10.00** The Report (385752) **10.15** At the Movies (486435) **10.30** News (237619) **10.45** 3 from 1 (225874) **11.00** Party Zone (95665) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (62998) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (9327207)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (59110) **7.00** Regional News (96519) **7.30** Asian Morning (86446) **8.00** Hindi News (34232) **8.30** Urdu News (1930690) **8.45** English News (1935145) **9.00** Janmdam (49058) **10.00** FILM: Detective (220771) **1.00pm** Manoranjan (88690) **1.30** FILM: Lakshman Rekha (130684) **4.30** Kiddie Time (7042) **5.00-6.00** Dedicated to You (8232) **7.00** New Serial (49495) **8.00** English News (989329) **8.15** FILM: Ek Naya Rishta (39326481) **11.15** Guldasta (355357) **12.05am** Five Past (2132568) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (37624511)

TNT
Theme: Birthday Tribute to Kay Francis
7.00pm Mary Stevens MD (1933, b/w): A doctor has an illegitimate child (41393684)
8.25 The White Angel (1936, b/w): Fictional life story of Florence Nightingale (33047232)
10.10 First Lady (1937, b/w). Kay Francis is the power behind the scenes (22830706)
11.45 Give Me Your Heart (1936, b/w): A woman has a baby after an affair (79607139)
1.25 Mandalay (1934, b/w): Romance about a nightclub singer and her lover (50445240)
2.40 Dr Monica (1934, b/w): A doctor allows her husband to have an affair (48363288)
3.45 Woman in the Wind (1939, b/w): A pilot races for cash (15193207) Ends at **4.50**

CNN
Twenty-four hour news

CMT
Country music from midnight to 4pm

QVC
Home shopping channel

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM 88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM 100-102. VIRGIN: MW 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz.
COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY

PATRICK BOUTROUX



Edi Orioli, of Italy, makes his mark on the sand as he sets the pace in the Paris to Dakar motorbike rally. He leads Jordi Arcarons, of Spain, by more than four minutes

Highland clubs win League vote

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

THE Highland grievance has finally been redressed. Two clubs from the north yesterday received places in the reconstructed Scottish Football League. Caledonian Thistle, who will now be formed by a merger of the Inverness sides, Caledonian and Thistle, and Ross County were elected almost by popular acclamation.

A minimum of 44 votes was needed to secure League membership next season and the clubs crossed that threshold on the first ballot, Caledonian Thistle and Ross County receiving 68 and 57 votes. The three unsuccessful applicants were Elgin City, Gala Fairydean and Gretna.

A grotesque imbalance in Scottish football has thereby been corrected. The fanzine, *The Absolute Game*, crisply defined the injustice when referring to "that vast League football-free zone that lies to the north and west of a line drawn through Dumbarton, Perth and Aberdeen".

This has always been rich territory for the game. Sides from the Highland League have often beaten League opposition in the Scottish Cup and attendances can be healthy. Inverness, with its population of 50,000, is the same size as Perth, which sustains St Johnstone, the premier division side.

Caledonian Thistle believe that they will have little difficulty in building a new stadium by 1995, but will spend their first season in the dingier setting of Telford Street. Ross County, based in Dingwall, lack the affluence of their near neighbours but have used footballing prowess to pound their name into the consciousness of those who voted.

On Saturday they won 4-0 at Forfar in the Scottish Cup, demonstrating that they are more than a match for the sides they will meet next season in the lowest of the four divisions of ten which are to be created. "Anyone who was swithering," Hector MacLennan, the chairman, said, "might have been swayed by the result."

Although there was a secret ballot, it is probable that the Highland pair owe their success to the premier divsion clubs, which control more than half the votes. Members of the lower divisions have always been opposed to the introduction of sides from the north, complaining of frequent winter postponements and the cost of travel.

The League president, Yule Craig, a director of St Mirren, would have no truck with such objections. "Scotland," he said, "is not a huge country and transport to the north is *nowhere near as difficult as it* was two decades ago."

The likely impact of the newcomers on Scottish football may be difficult to assess, but the potential in Inverness is unquestioned. Caledonian have a former Soviet international, Sergei Baltacha, as their manager and he is likely to take up the same position with the merged club.

The entrance of Caledonian Thistle to the League marks the conclusion of a long and heartfelt campaign by the footballing community in Inverness.

The club's chairman is to be Jock MacDonald, who held that office with Inverness Thistle when they notoriously lost out to the obscure Meadowbank Thistle on the last occasion there was a vacancy in 1974. MacDonald yesterday professed himself "mildly delirious".

Of the losers, the greatest distress belonged to Gala, for they had made the most strenuous effort of all to gain a League place. Their videos, brochures and lobbying, however, could not persuade sufficient delegates that there is an audience for football in the rugby stronghold of the Borders.

After the months of campaigning, Gala's vibrant chairman, Matt Hall, finally sagged when the voting was announced. He had hoped, and perhaps even expected, that his team would be League members when they travelled to play Alloa in the Scottish Cup on Saturday.

"I thought we were in the *running*," Hall said. "I am devastated. We will just have to fight on and wait for another opportunity."

So far as the League officials themselves are concerned, bemused pleasure must be in order on discovering that there are people who can be heartbroken at failing to enter its troubled and debt-ridden ranks.

Photograph, page 40

Luyt summoned to explain his proposals for World Cup

BY DAVID HANDS

LOUIS Luyt, chairman of the organising committee of the South African rugby union, has been summoned to Paris this weekend to explain to World Cup officials his proposals for the re-organisation of the 1995 tournament.

Luyt, president of the Transvaal Rugby Union, and the Rugby World Cup Ltd have appeared at odds since Sarfu made Luyt's appointment. Last month a series of amendments to the World Cup schedule emanating from his organising committee were published in a Johannesburg paper, and subsequently in Britain, and however diplomatic the language they use, World Cup officials are clearly weary of Luyt's attempts to run the tournament on his own.

It is astounding that Luyt does not involve, or report to, the South African member of RWC Ltd, Nic Labuschagne. Two options appear open to RWC in Paris: either to impose controls on Luyt by insisting he works more closely with Labuschagne and the newly-appointed tournament manager (the former Natal scrum half, Craig Jamieson) or to veto his appointment and ask the Sarfu to find a replacement — their ultimate sanction remains the withdrawal of the tournament from South Africa.

It is ironic that RWC have already canvassed 11 other countries about their preparedness to stage the tournament but on grounds of security, not administrative difficulties. Four have already replied, the others must do so by the weekend, so that a contingency plan can be drawn up in the event of unrest in South Africa.

For a tournament, the fourth-largest sports gathering in the world, which has drawn multi-party support in South Africa, that would be a disaster. The economic benefits of the World Cup are obvious and were confirmed yesterday by the announcement of the Famous Grouse whisky company's £1.5 million sponsorship of the tournament, their first major sporting involvement outside Britain.

Labuschagne, in London following two days of RWC meetings in the Isle of Man, expressed his belief that the security situation in his country had improved in recent weeks. He said they would wait until meeting Luyt in Paris to discover the "motivation" for the proposed changes, which involve the reduction from 14 venues to six (the unions capable of holding international matches at Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban, Johannesburg, Pretoria and Potchefstroom).

Luyt's committee also proposed a series of double-headers and higher ticket prices. "Dr Luyt ... has a habit of doing things on his own," Labuschagne, admitting he had been left in the dark, said. "There's no doubt that, up to now, the perception has been that this is a Louis Luyt and Ellis Park world cup and this is obviously something we can't agree to."

In fact Labuschagne now takes direct responsibility for representing RWC in South Africa and Jamieson, general manager of the Natal Rugby Union and a player there when Labuschagne was president, will work with him, possibly sitting on all 16 world cup committees and leaving Labuschagne on the organising committee. "Rugby World Cup belongs to the world, it certainly doesn't belong to South Africa," Labuschagne said.

Leo Williams, who will be confirmed as the new Australian Rugby Union chairman on January 29, described the reasons for the proposed amendments as financial and added: "We have to be guided by the South Africans, we're trying to establish a working relationship with them but that's not easy."

Marcel Martin, the French director, said they had to respect Sarfu's choice of representative: "Holding a business discussion with Dr Luyt is not always a bed of roses."

□ Save and Prosper, the investment house which has supported English rugby for the past nine years, is to renew its sponsorship of the Rugby Football Union for a further three years, bringing its total financial commitment to over £9 million.

Morrison's vintage, page 42

TCCB signals opposition to umpiring light show

Alan Lee looks at a gimmick introduced in South Africa threatening to bring a taste of the theatrical into cricket

ENGLISH cricket's progress into the age of sporting showmanship has been by reluctant shuffle rather than jaunty stride and there will be apoplexy in some quarters over the latest gimmick to be introduced in South Africa, which takes the role of the third umpire beyond technological advance and into a gaudy sideshow.

In the forthcoming series of three Tests and eight one-day internationals between South Africa and Australia, the third umpire may be asked to adjudicate on boundary disputes as well as run-outs and stumpings. His means of communicating a verdict to those on the field will be theatrical at best.

Ali Bacher, whose United Cricket Board of South Africa piloted not only the third umpire scheme but also the traffic light system of red for out and green for not out, explained yesterday what will happen if the on-field umpires are unsure if a ball has crossed the boundary for four or six.

"If the television replay shows that the ball was hit for six, the green light will flash six times. If it went for four, the green light will flash four times," he said.

Australia has already adopted the traffic light system and is employing it during the home series against South Africa. Officials speak enthusiastically of its clarity and of the crowd reaction.

It is, however, one thing to have a decision transmitted by a single light, but another to have lights flashing like Christmas trees while, presumably, the crowd chants the run count. The Australians apparently approve of the idea and are happy to play under it, but the English authorities were unimpressed yesterday.

Experiments with a third umpire during last summer's Ashes series were deemed satisfactory and the system is probably here to stay. But the Test and County Cricket Board preferred a two-way radio contact to the exhibitionist lights and their view on this is unaltered.

Tim Lamb, cricket secretary of the Board, denies that the lights were vetoed for aesthetic reasons. "We have no resistance to them on those grounds," he said, "but we believe our system has a number of important advantages."

The TCCB confirmed the third umpire innovation will be operative for England's series against New Zealand and South Africa next summer, but there will be no flashing lights.



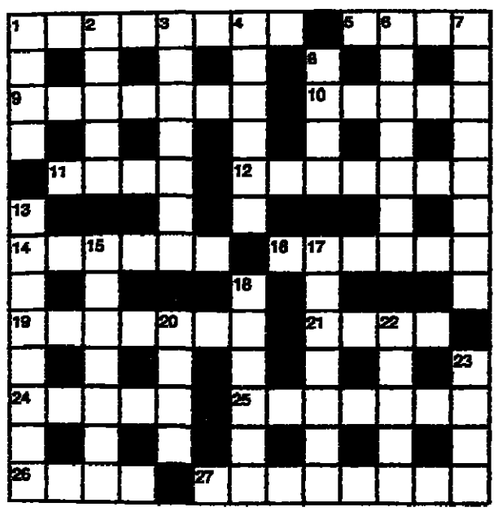
England A win, page 39

ANOTHER SICK CHARITY AD.



Kidney diseases still hit one in five of us.
But the sick thing is, the Kidney Fund isn't even one of the top 300 charities in Britain.
Our research stops suffering and saves lives.
Your donation or legacy can only make things better.
Please help. Call 0480 454828 for credit card donations or fill in the coupon.

Cheques and postal orders should be made out to the National Kidney Research Fund and sent to: 3 Archers Court, Stukeley Road, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE18 6XG.
Please send me more information and/or a donor card. □
Name
Address
Postcode
Card No.
Expiry Date Signature
Please debit my Visa/Access/Other card by
□ £5 □ £10 □ £20
□ Other £
NATIONAL KIDNEY RESEARCH FUND
The NKRF is a registered charity, Reg No. 252892.



CROSSWORD ENTHUSIASTS: Crosswords on computer (circa 60 puzzles per title — enhanced graphics and help facilities) for all IBM and Acorn PCs. Price £14.95 each. Range includes: The Times Crosswords — Volumes 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 14,15 & 16 (Bks). The Times Jubilee Puzzles. The Times Concise Crosswords — 3 & 4. The Sunday Times Crosswords — Volumes 1,2,3,4, and 10 and 11 (Bks). The Sunday Times Concise Crosswords — 1 & 2. Prices inc p&p (UK). Cheques to Akom Ltd, 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW. Return delivery. Tel 081-852 4575 (24 hrs). No credit cards. New computer crossword releases: The Times Crosswords 17. The Times Concise Crosswords 5. The Sunday Times Crosswords 12. The Sunday Times Computer Crosswords — Vols 5 & 6 £14.95 each (inc p&p UK).

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 61

ACROSS
1 Content of dawn chorus (8)
5 Offer for sale (4)
9 Bandit (7)
10 Messenger from God (5)
11 Castle; cheat (4)
12 Take down food (7)
14 Ladle (6)
16 Repeat without understanding (6)
19 Stupid game of perilous challenge (7)
21 Crouch evasively (4)
24 Large steak (1-4)
25 Of the Islamic influence in Spain (7)
26 Fancy Tudor collar (4)
27 Biased; uneven (of contest) (3-5)

DOWN
1 New-born (4)
2 Dangerous charging beast (5)
3 Show animation (7)
4 Naturist (6)
6 Thin, bony and awkward (7)
7 Unit of power, 1000 j/s (8)
8 Molten flow from volcano (4)
13 Teacher (8)
15 Group into twos (4,3)
17 Energy-sapping (7)
18 Sundial arm (6)
20 Ukraine capital; way to prepare 19 (4)
22 Youngster (5)
23 Noise of heavy item hitting ground (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 60

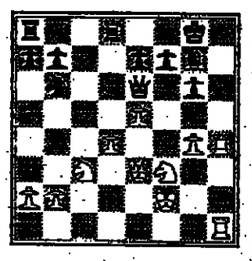
ACROSS: 1 Sisters 5 Swiss 8 Oasis 9 Someone 10 Sun 11 Symposium 12 Sussex 14 Sevens 17 Sword belt 18 Set 19 Sailors 20 Sense 21 Leg/it 22 Special

DOWN: 1 Spouses 2 Susan 3 Ess 4 Sesame 5 Somnolent 6 Idolise 7 Steam 11 Speedboat 13 Showing 15 Sitwell 16 Sepsis 17 Sisal 18 Sunni 20 See

CHESS

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Wockenfuss - Lingnau, Bad Worishofen 1992. White has concentrated his forces on the h-file, but Black appears to have the entry squares covered. How did White force his way through?



Solution, page 40

Raymond Keene, page 8

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DERN
a. An earthenware pot
b. A guerrilla fighter
c. Dark and covert

EGMA
a. Egg yolk
b. An enigma
c. A layer of Earth's crust

WAMBLE
a. To feel sick
b. Blustering nonsense
c. To wander purposelessly

WORMLING
a. A small worm
b. A German ukase
c. Angling

Answers on page 40